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HON. JAMES HAMILTON LEWIS

As a national figure in democratic politics, in governmental affairs, and as a public servant, Illinois has never produced a more outstanding figure than Sen. James Hamilton Lewis, whose career has been one of unsurpassed achievement, bringing to him honor and admiration from the whole nation.

Senator Lewis was born in Danville, Virginia, but most of his early life was passed in Georgia. He attended Houghton College in the latter state, then entered the University of Virginia, and afterward studied law in Savannah, Georgia. While yet a young man, he went to the northwest, and in Seattle was admitted to the bar. Out there in Washington he quickly established a remarkable reputation for himself and was immediately accepted by the people as a natural leader and as one extremely well-qualified to represent them. He was elected to the state senate first, then in 1896 was elected Congressman-at-large, and as such served two terms, until March, 1901. In 1897, Mr. Lewis was the author of the resolution in Congress to recognize Cuban independence, and during the Spanish-American war in 1898 he was inspector-general on the staff of General Brooke in Cuba. Later he was transferred to the staff of Gen. Fred D. Grant in Porto Rico, and also was in the Philippines. While McKinley was president, he was an aide to the commissioner of the Joint High Commission on Canada and Alaska Boundary at London, also Secretary of State Day assigned him as commissioner to arrange custom regulations between Canada and northwestern United States. In 1899, Mr. Lewis was the caucus nominee of the democratic party for United States senator from Washington, and in 1900 his state named him for vice president, he and Senator White of California having received the joint endorsement of the Pacific Coast states for that office.

In 1903, Senator Lewis came to Chicago to live. He started in the practice of law and, as he had done on the coast, was soon accorded wide recognition for his ability as a statesman. He was city attorney and corporation counsel from 1905 to 1907, during the term of Mayor Dunne. After the seventeenth amendment providing for the direct election of United States senators came into effect in 1913, Senator Lewis was made a candidate and at the advisory election in April he received a tremendous vote, while Lawrence Y. Sherman was the republican candidate. No one party held sway in the legislature at that time, and a compromise was effected, whereby Senator Lewis was elected for the full term beginning in March, 1913, and Mr. Sherman was chosen for the short term, 1913-15. Senator Lewis was elected the first "whip" in the history of the senate, and at each succeeding session until his term expired in 1919 he held the same position. During the World war, Senator Lewis was appointed by President Wilson as United States Commissioner representing the senate at London, for the purpose of executing treaty laws for safety at sea. He was assigned to special war work as commissioner of the war department. For his work in the war, the senator was offered the ambassadorship to Belgium by President Wilson, but declined. Following the war period, Senator Lewis attended international conferences at Genoa and Lausanne, and in 1920 he was named by the primary vote and by the Democratic State Convention for vice president. In the following September, the Democratic State Convention

unanimously nominated him for governor of Illinois, but that was the year of the republican landslide in the state, and he was defeated, although he ran much ahead of the national ticket. For a number of years, Senator Lewis retired from such strenuous political activity, but the call for him to return was insistent, and in 1930 he entered the campaign for the United States Senate. He was elected by a plurality of about seven hundred and fifty thousand votes, at the same time that President Hoover received a plurality of four hundred and fifty thousand votes in the state, which indicates the popularity Senator Lewis holds among his constituents. He is in demand continuously as a speaker and orator, and he is considered an authority of first rank on governmental problems.

Senator Lewis has written much on his profession. He wrote *Handbook on Elections* (1912); was joint author with A. H. Putnam of *Constitution, Statutes and their Construction*; *Two Great Republics—Rome and the United States*; *Removal of Causes from State to United States Courts*; and is joint author of *Lewis and Spelling on Injunctions*.

HON. EDWARD FITZSIMONS DUNNE

In the history of Illinois Democracy the name of Edward Fitzsimons Dunne may fittingly be inscribed with such illustrious names as Douglas, Altgeld, Harrison and Stevenson, and other eminent leaders of the party who have, by their sound ideals, unassailable honor, and sincere service in the cause of the people, achieved notable success. Edward F. Dunne, as Governor of the State of Illinois, as mayor of the city of Chicago, as judge of the Cook County Circuit Court, and as an attorney and exemplary citizen, has made a reputation for himself which is unsurpassed. Liberal in heart, tolerant of human nature, courageous, inherently honest, and an unrelenting foe of vice, graft and corruption, his career in public office has been most brilliant. When he first came into view as a prospect for the governorship, his ability was obvious, and he won a smashing victory at the polls, and, in his subsequent tenure of office, he fully justified the confidence and judgment of the voters. As mayor of the city and governor of the state his crusade against the immoral conditions which were rife, and his championship of municipal ownership, also his general and invariable defense of the natural rights of the people, are all subjects of absorbing interest and are treated fully in the chapters bearing upon them. This brief biographical sketch shall serve as a comprehensive framework from which the reader may grasp an adequate conception of the public career of Edward F. Dunne as a preparation for further details elsewhere in this publication.

Edward Fitzsimons Dunne was born in Waterville, Connecticut, October 12, 1853, and is a son of P. W. and Delia M. (Lawler) Dunne. When he was only two years of age his parents moved to Peoria, Illinois, and in that city the father became very prominent and was known as a loyal adherent of the democratic party. He served several years in the Peoria city council and for one term was a member of the state legislature. He was a captain and organizer of the Emmett Guards, an Irish militia organization. P. W. Dunne was a classical scholar, a popular citizen in every way, and lived to the remarkable age of ninety-one years. His wife passed away in the '80s, her death having been caused by an accident.

In the grade and high schools of Peoria, Edward F. Dunne was a student, and he graduated from the latter in 1870. He then took up his advanced studies at Trinity College, University of Dublin, Ireland, but after three years his course there was interrupted by financial stringency in his family. He returned to his home and about the year 1876 began the study of law, which he had decided to make his life's occupation. The Union College of Law conferred upon him the Bachelor of Laws degree in 1877, and at a later date St. Ignatius College gave him the Doctor of Laws degree. In 1878 he was admitted

to practice before the state bar of Illinois, and for fifteen years thereafter engaged in the practice of his profession in Chicago. His talent as a lawyer was quickly recognized and his clientele grew rapidly. He became very popular and he also became a close student of public affairs, of various issues which were before the people and which were matters of widespread debate and disagreement. In 1892, when he had attained his thirty-eighth year, he was nominated for the Circuit Court bench, to fill a vacancy caused by the death of Judge George Driggs. He was elected by a most convincing vote. Twice he was re-elected, in 1897 and 1903, having served thirteen years in all. His career upon the bench was one which demonstrated in vivid fashion the faith he had in his own principles, and in the rights of the people. The question of the freedom of the press was one of the big issues which came before him and his decision was publicized over the entire world and in great measure changed the popular conception of this topic. This was the case of Judge Hancey, who had been attacked, by reason of a decision, by the Hearst newspapers, which employed both editorial and cartoon to criticise him. The case reached the court of Judge Dunne, and his decision was that the press, being the voice of the people, had the free right of expressing its views after a decision had been rendered, but was still subject to the law against libel.

It was only natural that a higher and more responsible position should be offered Judge Dunne after his stanch and courageous discharge of his duties on the bench. He was nominated by the people in convention for the mayoralty of the city of Chicago. This was a high honor entirely unsolicited by the judge, but he was the logical man for the place and the public appreciated this fact. He accepted the nomination, but declined to interrupt his duties as judge until after the election. His resignation was handed in at one o'clock one afternoon, and at seven o'clock that evening he was sworn in as mayor, thus having been a circuit judge, a private citizen, and mayor all in one day. His name was first suggested for this honor by Judge Tuley at an Iroquois Club banquet, and he was elected over his opponent, John Maynard Harlan, by a plurality of twenty-five thousand votes. This was in a republican city, where Theodore Roosevelt had received a plurality of one hundred and ten thousand votes just five months previously. Mayor Dunne held office until 1907, and his regime was one of progressive action. He espoused the cause of municipal ownership and the intricate question of the ownership of the street car lines was a problem seriously considered. Mayor Dunne had traveled extensively abroad in Switzerland, and other continental countries, also England, and had noted the prevalence of municipal ownership and its smooth workings. He saw the system in real operation, and on his return to his home city he spoke widely on the subject, and likewise in other communities. Improvements for the benefit of the people were objects which he much desired, and he bent every effort to gain them. As a result of three messages to the city council, the water rate was reduced from ten cents to seven cents a thousand gallons, the mayor having learned that there had been a wholesale rate, enjoyed by at least thirty-six corporations, of only four cents a thousand gallons. All water to all consumers in the city is now at the rate of seven cents. The fine work begun by Mayor Dunne formed the basis of much that was subsequently beneficial to the people. His efforts to abolish the notorious red-light districts, so-called, formed an outstanding feature of his administration. His attention was vividly called to the large vice districts, one on Dearborn street between Polk and Jackson, and another on LaSalle between Randolph and Lake, as well as many others in the city. He immediately demanded the abolishment of these districts of ill-fame and strove in every possible way to bring about his desire. The two large areas mentioned he succeeded in smashing, and during the subsequent Carter Harrison administration the remainder were eliminated from the city. Thus to Mayor Dunne goes the credit for being the originator of the movement to rid Chicago of these most undesirable features.

From 1907 until 1913, Governor Dunne again practiced law in Chicago but kept a hand in public affairs and never allowed himself to get out of touch with local matters of importance. Then, in 1912, he was nominated for the governorship of the state of Illinois, was elected, and inaugurated February 3, 1913. He continued in office until 1917, and in the discharge of his duties in this highest position in the public life of the state he achieved imperishable honor. He was the second democrat to serve as governor of Illinois since the Civil war, Altgeld having been the first. Notable among the accomplishments of Governor Dunne was his effort in favor of woman suffrage, and it is a matter of history that Illinois was, during his administration, the first state east of the Mississippi to enact a suffrage law, the question then not having become a national issue. The governor's attack on the capital punishment law in this state was another high light of his regime, and it is a matter of common knowledge and wide appreciation that he was devoted to state institutions and assisted them in every way within his power.

The interests of the democratic party have ever been close to Governor Dunne's heart and he has consistently been found in the forefront of those who have given of their inspired service. In 1900 he was a presidential elector, and he was a delegate-at-large to the national conventions of his party in the years of 1908, 1916 and 1920. Many other honors have been accorded him throughout his career. He was twice president of the Iroquois and the Monticello clubs; vice president of the National Civic Federation; president of the League of American Municipalities in 1906-07; and, owing to his intimate knowledge of Irish affairs, he was a member of the commission from the United States to present the claims of Ireland for self-determination at the Peace Conference in Paris in 1919. He has been chairman of the National Unity Council, and he was the first president of the Irish Fellowship Club in Chicago. A recent honor accorded Governor Dunne, and which came entirely unsolicited, was his appointment, on May 21, 1934, by President Roosevelt as United States Commissioner to the Century of Progress World's Fair. In a letter written June 3, 1934, to the former governor, the President stated "I was perfectly delighted that you found it possible to accept the commissionership."

In his religious faith, Governor Dunne is a devout member of the Roman Catholic Church. His clubs are the Iroquois, the Illinois Athletic and the Westward-Ho. As an orator and as an author he has made a name for himself. His addresses and messages, marvels of excellence, were compiled and issued from the press in 1917 by William L. Sullivan under the title of "Dunne Judge-Mayor-Governor", which is considered one of the most comprehensive and interesting works of its kind. Ex-Gov. Dunne is the author of the History of Illinois, published in 1933, and recognized as one of the most authoritative histories ever written in the state, prepared in the delightful literary style of the author and is a brilliant picture of Illinois history. This excellent citizen of Chicago and Illinois is yet engaged in the practice of law in Chicago, his beloved home town, and holds his abiding interest in all of the affairs of the metropolis.

On August 16, 1881 was solemnized the marriage of Edward F. Dunne and Elizabeth J. Kelly, of Chicago, whose death occurred May 25, 1928. To their happy union there were born the following children: Edward P., who is now deceased; Gerald, deceased; Charles P., deceased; Edward F.; Mrs. Eileen Corboy; Mrs. Mona Leonard; Maurice F., Dorothy, deceased; Robert Jerome; Geraldine; Jeannette; Richard J.; and Eugene. Ex-Governor Dunne is very proud of his twenty-three grand children.

HON. VICTOR HEMPHILL

Hon. Victor Hemphill, one of the judges of the Seventh Judicial Circuit, his present term to continue until 1939, makes his home in Carlinville, where he had previously served in various official positions in the direct line of his profession. The Judge was born in South Palmyra township, Macoupin county,

not far from Carlinville, on the 21st of September, 1882, and is a son of Robert S. and Mary J. (Ross) Hemphill, who were also natives of Illinois. The father engaged in the retail lumber business at Carlinville for an extended period and was also prominent in politics, serving as committeeman of the democratic party for many years. He was township supervisor for sixteen years, was chairman of the Macoupin county board of supervisors and was chairman of the county central committee. His labors as an active party worker were far-reaching and beneficial, and in all matters of citizenship his aid and influence were on the side of right and order, progress and improvement. He came of a family long connected with the democratic party. His death occurred in 1924. His widow, the mother of Judge Hemphill, is still living and yet makes her home in Carlinville.

Victor Hemphill attended the public schools of Carlinville and Blackburn College and graduated therefrom in 1902. He taught school for one year and then entered the law department of Washington University at St. Louis and graduated with the class of 1905. Immediately thereafter he took up active professional work and has since been numbered among the members of the macoupin county bar. All through the years of his manhood he has been an active worker in democratic ranks and on the party ticket was elected city attorney, serving from 1907 until 1909. In 1916 he became state's attorney, filling the office until 1920, and was reelected for a second term in 1928. Municipal welfare was also promoted through his efforts, for during three terms, from 1922 until 1928, he served as mayor of Carlinville, his administration being thoroughly businesslike in character, so that beneficial results followed. In the spring of 1933 he was elected circuit judge and his term will continue until 1939. He belongs to both the Illinois Bar Association and the American Bar Association.

On the 21st of July, 1915, Judge Hemphill was married to Miss Adele Loehr, a daughter of Theodore C. and Minnie Loehr, of Carlinville, Illinois. The judge and his wife have two children: Barbara, seventeen years of age, now a student in Blackburn College, and Robert, a youth of fourteen, attending the public schools. The family have membership in the Methodist Church of Carlinville and the Judge belongs to the Hillside Country Club. When a student in Washington University he became a member of Cooley Chapter No. 4 of the Phi Delta Phi. He belongs to Mount Nebo Lodge, No. 76, A. F. & A. M., and to the Rotary Club, of which he formerly served as president. He is a member and an ex-director of the Chamber of Commerce and for many years served on the board of trustees of Blackburn College. He is also a director of the Farmers & Merchants National Bank of Carlinville.

HON. CHALMER C. TAYLOR

Hon. Chalmer C. Taylor, of Bloomington, circuit judge of the eleventh judicial district, has the distinction of being the first democrat to occupy the bench of this circuit. He was born in Arrowsmith, McLean county, Illinois, March 26, 1898, his parents being James and Emma E. (Cline) Taylor, also natives of this state. James Taylor, a successful banker of Arrowsmith and LeRoy, Illinois, was an active supporter of the democratic party and served as county supervisor of McLean county for several terms. His death occurred in 1921.

Chalmer C. Taylor was a public school pupil of LeRoy until graduated from the high school with the class of 1916 and subsequently entered the University of Illinois, from which he was graduated with the A.B. degree in 1920. He then took up the study of law at the University of Michigan and in 1923 was graduated from the College of Law of the University of Illinois with the degree of LL.B. During the period of America's participation in the World war he was a member of the regular army, detailed to the Students Army Training

Corps at the University of Illinois. He was admitted to the Illinois bar and also to practice in the federal court in 1923 and the same year became associated with Hal M. Stone as junior member of the firm of Stone & Taylor, engaging in general law practice in Bloomington for a decade. On the expiration of that period, in 1933, he was chosen circuit judge of the counties comprising the eleventh judicial district, receiving a vote of twenty-two thousand, one hundred and seventy-four against twenty thousand, nine hundred and forty-three for his republican opponent. His election on the democratic ticket in an overwhelmingly republican district may be attributed to his extensive acquaintance and large personal following and to the exceptional qualifications for judicial office which he has demonstrated. He is probably the youngest circuit judge in the state.

In 1923 Judge Taylor was united in marriage to Aenid E. Tankersley, of Chicago, and they are the parents of two sons, James N. and Stephen C. Like her husband, Mrs. Taylor was graduated from the University of Illinois with the A.B. degree. Following her marriage she studied law at Illinois Wesleyan University of Bloomington and was admitted to the Illinois bar. Judge Taylor belongs to the social fraternity Zeta Psi and to the legal fraternity Phi Delta Phi and also has membership in the McLean County Bar Association, the Illinois State Bar Association and the American Bar Association. He is likewise a member of the Bloomington Club, the Bloomington Country Club, the College Alumni Club and the American Legion and fraternally is affiliated with the Masons and the Loyal Order of Moose.

HON. WILLIAM H. DIETERICH

The career of the Hon. William H. Dieterich, of Beardstown, Illinois, who is now United States senator from the state of Illinois, has been one of steady progression in the field of public service, and he is recognized as one of the foremost democrats produced by the state in this generation. In various public offices, as Congressman-at-large and now as United States senator he has demonstrated unquestionably his superior talents as a public officer.

William H. Dieterich was born on a farm near Cooperstown, Brown county, Illinois, March 31, 1876, and is a son of George H. and Anna K. Dieterich, both of whom were natives of Germany. The father was an early settler in Cass county, and was a soldier in the Union army during the Civil war. After the close of hostilities, he settled in Beardstown, and later moved to a farm in Brown county.

William H. Dieterich was reared on the home farm, attended the district schools, and then went through the Rushville Normal and Business College. He taught for one year, at the same time taking up the study of law, and in 1899 had charge of the last-named school during the absence of its principal. He finished his law studies at Valparaiso University in Indiana, was admitted to the bar in 1901, and first practiced in Rushville, where he soon became prominent in public affairs. He was treasurer of the school board, a member of the board of alderman, city attorney for three terms, and also for three terms was master in chancery for Schnyler county. In 1908, he was elected county judge, and while holding this office was frequently called to Chicago to act as one of the non-resident judges of the municipal court there. He was for a period trial lawyer for the Chicago legal firm of Eddy, Haley & Wetten, and in 1913 he made his permanent home in Beardstown.

Senator Dieterich was elected and was a member of both the Fiftieth and the Fifty-first sessions of the Illinois General Assembly. He was a member of this legislative body during the Lowden administration and the World war. He served on many of the most important committees and commissions, and was the author of the law enabling cities to levy a tax for the building of hospitals.

Senator Dieterich was elected Congressman-at-large on November 4, 1930,



WILLIAM H. DIETERICH

and on November 8, 1932 he was elected as United States senator for the term ending in 1939. Both as congressman and as senator, he has fully justified the faith and confidence which his constituents hold for him, and in the highest legislative halls of the country he has continued the effective and thorough labors he has always contributed to offices which he has held. In congress he has always worked from an unbiased standpoint. In the senate he was a member of the committees on civil service, interstate commerce, and naval affairs.

Senator Dieterich was for four years special inheritance tax attorney under the appointment of P. J. Lucey. He has been attorney for the board of local improvements of Beardstown, attorney in charge of the organization of the sanitary district of Beardstown, and for several years devoted much of his time in the service of the Chicago Sanitary District in the suit for damage brought against that district in the Lower Illinois Valley.

In democratic politics, Senator Dieterich has state-wide recognition. He was chairman of the Democratic Central Committee in both Schuyler and Cass counties, and was chairman of the senatorial committee in the Thirtieth District, also was one of the democratic Presidential electors on the ticket in 1928. He has been chairman of the Democratic Circuit and Supreme Judicial conventions. During the World war he served as advisory counsel to the Selective Service Board, also as chairman of the Four Minute Men.

Senator Dieterich was married to Nona S. Runkle and to their union there have been born two children, Ruth and William J.

C. EVERETT SMITH

C. Everett Smith, now serving for the fourth term as states attorney of Logan county, began the practice of law at Lincoln in 1900. He was born in De Witt county, Illinois, March 10, 1878, his parents being William A. and Ida C. (Hunter) Smith, natives of Illinois and Kentucky, respectively. The father, who engaged in farming and also followed the teaching profession, passed away when a young man of twenty-six years. Politically he was a stalwart supporter of the democratic party.

C. Everett Smith first attended school in his native county and continued his studies in Ottawa, Kansas, where the family home was maintained for four years. On the expiration of that period he came with his parents to Lincoln, Illinois, where he completed his public school training by graduation from the high school in 1893. He next entered the Central Normal College of Danville, Illinois, from which he was graduated with the Bachelor of Arts degree, and then began specific preparation for a professional career as a student at the Chicago-Kent College of Law. He left the latter institution prior to graduation, however, and returned to Lincoln, where he entered the law office of Judge James T. Hoblit, who was his guardian. Finishing his law studies, he was admitted to the bar in 1900 and formed a partnership with Judge Hoblit that was maintained until 1912, when the latter became county judge. Mr. Smith thereafter engaged in law practice alone save for a period of two years. He was elected states attorney of Logan county in 1908, in 1912 and again in 1916, holding the office for three successive terms or until 1920. During the succeeding twelve years he was active in the private practice of law, being accorded an extensive and gratifying clientele, and then in 1932 was once more elected states attorney of Logan county, so that he is the present incumbent in office. He has served on various committees of the Illinois State Bar Association and is now a member of the committee appointed to revise the criminal code.

Mr. Smith has been actively interested in county and state campaigns of the democratic party since attaining his majority and has been a member of the democratic state central committee since 1914. He has attended all state and national conventions of his party during the past twenty years. He acted

as campaign manager for Roger C. Sullivan when the latter was a candidate for the United States senate. In 1928 he was a candidate for the Illinois legislature.

In 1902 Mr. Smith was united in marriage to Jessie M. Anderson, of Lincoln, Illinois, and they are the parents of two daughters, Mary Josephine and Virginia A. Mrs. Smith is an active member of several women's clubs of both a social and political nature. Mr. Smith was identified with a number of fraternal organizations in former years and still belongs to the following Masonic bodies: Logan Lodge, A. F. & A. M., of Lincoln, of which he is past master; Constantine Commandery K. T., of Lincoln, of which he is past commander; and Mohammed Temple, A. A. O. N. M. S., of Peoria.

JOSEPH L. LAMPERT

Joseph L. Lampert, acting postmaster of Alton under appointment of President Franklin D. Roosevelt, was born here June 25, 1876, and is of German lineage, his paternal grandfather having come from Germany to the United States. He landed at Galveston and for some time made his home in Texas, where John Lampert, father of our subject, was born. The latter became a cooper and worked at his trade for many years, spending most of his life in Alton. At the time of the Civil war he ran away from home to join the Union Army. He married Margaret Rosenberger, a native of Illinois, to which state her parents had come from Virginia in an early day, traveling by wagon. She remembers hearing the Lincoln-Douglas debates, and she is still living in Alton.

The public school system of his native city afforded Joseph L. Lampert his educational opportunities and following his graduation from high school he was employed as a bill clerk by the Big Four Railroad Company, with which he remained for several years. He then turned his attention to the soda water business and in 1914 he was appointed postmaster of Alton under President Woodrow Wilson, occupying that position until 1922. On his retirement from the office he entered the coal and building business, in which he remained until he was appointed acting postmaster by President Roosevelt in 1934. In 1909 he had engaged in the oil production business in Oklahoma and was one of the pioneer producers in the Okmulgee field, where he still holds large production acreage.

Mr. Lampert's political activity has always constituted an important chapter in his life history. From the age of twenty-one years he has been an active worker in democratic ranks and is an acknowledged leader of the party in Madison county. For many years he has served as a member of the county central committee and for several terms was its chairman. From 1908 until 1912 he filled the office of tax collector of Alton and from 1930 until 1932 was city comptroller. He has often been urged to become a candidate for the mayoralty but has refused. He has served as a delegate to practically all of the district and state conventions and was an alternate to the national convention of 1904, when Alton B. Parker was nominated for the presidency.

Mr. Lampert's wife bore the maiden name of Marie Luft and is a daughter of George A. Luft, a well known and active democrat of Alton. They have one child, Verla, who was graduated in 1933 from the University of Illinois. She is also a graduate of Stephens College of Columbia, Missouri, where she took a course in public speaking, and she is now a teacher in the Alton high school. She is very much interested in politics and is an eloquent and effective public speaker. Mrs. Lampert and the daughter are very active workers in the German Evangelical Church. Mr. Lampert is a member of the Masonic fraternity and is chairman of the Masonic Temple Association. He devotes the greater part of his time and attention, however, to the post office and the duties thereof he discharges with promptness and fidelity. His reappointment to the position was highly satisfactory to his fellow townsmen because of the excellent record which he had previously made when filling the office.

ROBERT DANIEL WILLIS HOLDER

Prominent in democratic circles for more than a half century, Judge Robert Daniel Willis Holder is one of the most honored residents of southwestern Illinois. He makes his home in Belleville, maintaining his law office in the Advocate building. His birth occurred on a farm in Jefferson county, Illinois, February 22, 1847, and he was the youngest in a family of eight children whose parents were Willis and Fariba (Cook) Holder, the latter a native of Tennessee. The father was born in Georgia, whence he accompanied his parents to Tennessee. On the 16th of June, 1847, Willis Holder left Mount Vernon, Illinois, with a military company for service in the Mexican war and while with the army in Mexico died of climatic fever. Ten years after his death his widow became the wife of Levy Sharp, of Mascoutah, Illinois.

Robert D. W. Holder was largely reared in that locality, attending the public schools of Mascoutah until fifteen years of age, when his textbooks were put aside and he began to earn his living by driving a team from Mascoutah to Belleville and St. Louis before the railroads were built. He afterward became a clerk in a general store and was thus employed for one year, while subsequently he engaged in farm work. Carefully saving his earnings, his industry and economy enabled him when twenty-one years of age to resume his education and he enrolled as a student in McKendree College at Lebanon, Illinois, where he completed a two years' course. Subsequently he taught school for three years and in September, 1872, entered the law school of the University of Michigan at Ann Arbor, from which institution he was graduated with the class of 1874, the LL. B. degree being at that time conferred upon him. Following his return home he again engaged in teaching for a year, this enabling him to pay the debts which he had been forced to contract while pursuing his studies. In 1875 he passed the required examination which won for him admission to the Illinois bar and opened a law office in Mascoutah, where he engaged in practice until 1877. That year witnessed his arrival in Belleville, where he joined the firm of Hay & Knispel, with whom he continued until 1880, when he was elected state's attorney of St. Clair county. The excellent record which he made in office led to his re-election in 1884 and he remained the incumbent in that position for eight years. In the meantime he had formed a law partnership with L. D. Turner and they practiced together until 1903, when Mr. Holder was made judge of the circuit court, remaining upon the bench until 1909. With the exception of this period the law firm of Turner & Holder maintained a continuous existence until 1918, when the death of the senior partner terminated their professional relationship. Soon afterward, however, Mr. Turner's son, L. D. Turner, Jr., took his father's place in the firm and the style of Turner & Holder has since been maintained. Judge Holder has long occupied a commanding position at the St. Clair county bar. His knowledge of law is comprehensive and exact and he has seldom, if ever, been at fault in the application of a legal principle.

The only political offices which Judge Holder has filled have been in direct line of his profession. From January, 1900, until 1902 he was master in chancery of St. Clair county. In 1878 he was made secretary of the county central committee and since that time, covering a period of more than fifty-five years, he has been an active democratic leader in southwestern Illinois and an untiring worker for party interests. Frequently he has served as a delegate to state conventions and in 1892 he was a delegate to the democratic national convention which met in Chicago and nominated Grover Cleveland for the presidency.

On the 23d of August, 1877, Judge Holder was married to Miss Anna Barth, of Mascoutah, Illinois, and they became parents of a daughter, Jessie May, now Mrs. T. J. Connell, of Belleville, with whom the Judge resides, his wife having passed away on February 5, 1929. Mr. Connell is an executive with the Southern Railway System. Fraternally Judge Holder is a life member

of the Knights of Pythias, having been associated with that order for more than fifty years, and he is also a charter member of Belleville Lodge of the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks. For an extended period he has belonged to the Presbyterian Church and for many years served on the board of trustees. His aid has been freely and generously given to every movement that has tended to promote the material, intellectual, political, social and moral welfare of his community.

OTTO FRANKLIN AKEN

Otto Franklin Aken has been connected with educational activities for thirty-four years and is now filling the responsible position of superintendent of schools of Cook county. His profession has been a pleasurable work to him, but for many months he faced an unusual and difficult situation caused by unpaid teachers, who perhaps more than any other class should receive the legitimate reward of their labor without delay. To the problems occasioned by uncollected taxes, political strife and other conditions Mr. Aken is bringing to bear sound judgment and keen discrimination, and his efforts, combined with the labors of others, are bringing gratifying results.

Professor Aken is a native of Elkville, Jackson county, Illinois, and a son of Wade H. and Margaret Aken. His is the typically romantic history of the self-made man. Born in a log cabin and acquiring his early education in a little schoolhouse in the backwoods, he was eight years of age when the family home was established in the village of Elkville, where he completed his elementary education. When but fourteen years of age he started out to provide for his own support, obtaining employment in the coal mines of Hallidayboro, and there, with his limited education, he began his teaching career by aiding the men around him to master the rudiments of the three "rs," his only remuneration being their gratitude after they had successfully passed their examinations.

During the three memorable years which he spent in the mines, Mr. Aken completed a study course for teachers given by the International Correspondence School of Scranton, Pennsylvania, and as a result, when seventeen years of age, was enabled to pass the county examination for second grade teacher, making commendable grades in all subjects. The same summer he conducted a subscription school in the little red schoolhouse in which he had learned his A B C's. There were sixteen pupils and the tuition charge was fifty cents per student. That summer remains one of his most pleasant memories, with but one dimming element. He had six cousins in that first class! Ever after he has shunned districts wherein his relatives reside.

His first public school assignment was in a one-room school five miles from a railroad, and he enrolled fifty pupils, ranging in age from six to twenty-one years. The teaching term was for a minimum of one hundred and ten days, and the three-man school board allowed him a salary of thirty-three dollars and a half per month. In his third year as teacher in that district he received an offer from an adjoining district to become principal of their school at a salary of sixty-five dollars a month—the highest salary paid in the county. Another consideration, more important to the young educator at that time, was the beauty of the young primary grade teacher in the new school. That feature unquestionably influenced Mr. Aken to accept the new contract, because the records show the attractive young teacher became his wife before time for school to open in the fall. She was Miss Addie D. Russell, and the marriage was celebrated in Somerset township, Jackson county, Illinois, in September, 1896. They have become parents of two daughters, Mrs. Myrtle E. Seyferth and Mrs. Pearle I. Somers.

For two years Mr. Aken retained his post as teacher of that school and then accepted a position as collector for the St. Louis newspapers in Murphysboro. Later he spent a period of years in the postal service, after which he re-

turned to the teaching profession as principal of a school in De Soto. The next year he was elected principal of the school in Elkhville and the following year was offered and accepted the principalship of the Washington East Side school in Murphysboro. A year later he was advanced to principal of the largest school in the city, being identified with the educational interests of that city for three years as principal, after which he was elected county superintendent of schools in Jackson county, acceptably filling the office for two terms.

Mr. Aken's acquaintance with the late Edward J. Tobin, former superintendent of the Cook county schools, began at Springfield, Illinois, where they met occasionally as members of important committees on school legislation. Working together, they became fast friends, with but one purpose in mind—serving the schools faithfully. It was Mr. Tobin's recognition and admiration of Mr. Aken's ability that led him to proffer Mr. Aken a position as his assistant in 1923. The offer was accepted and Mr. Aken served as assistant until the death of Mr. Tobin, when the county board of Cook county appointed him county superintendent of schools, thus recognizing and commending the excellent record which he had previously made.

During the thirty-six years of pleasant experience in the schools of Illinois, Mr. Aken enjoyed a placid existence, but upon stepping into his present position he faced great turmoil, occasioned by unpaid teachers, uncollected taxes, political strife and dilapidated school buildings. His only semblance of enjoyment was the knowledge that his teachers, sacrificing personal comfort and even health, carrying on month after month without reward, stood loyally by their posts, and with the self-sacrificing cooperation of the various school boards, the schools remained open. Throughout the dark days of depression, the job seemed almost hopeless, but Mr. Aken, in his unflinching zeal for the betterment of the children, foresaw a brighter future, due to that great man in Washington who carries the burden of the forgotten man and who will not retreat from assuming the burden of the forgotten school child and teacher. Arrangements were at last completed for an emergency relief donation to the Cook county schools, and those who faithfully struggled to teach, as well as those who had faithfully taught, finally came into their own in a new deal.

Mr. Aken has always been an earnest advocate of democratic principles. He was employed in the United States postal service during the McKinley and Roosevelt administrations, and during the World war he was chairman of the Jackson County American Red Cross. He belongs to the Modern Woodmen of America and was formerly identified with the Knights of Pythias, the Elks and the Eagles, while his religious faith is that of the Methodist Episcopal Church. His life story is one of continuous progress. Difficulties and obstacles in his path have seemed to serve as an impetus for renewed effort on his part, and always holding to high professional ideals, he has rendered to the school system of Illinois a most important and valuable service.

JOSEPH G. BOGGS

Joseph G. Boggs, president of the First Granite City National Bank, of which he has served as the chief executive officer since 1931, is a representative of one of the oldest and best known families of southern Illinois. He was born in Fairfield, Wayne county, this state, August 13, 1881, a son of Carroll Curtis and Sarah Ann (Schaeffer) Boggs. The father, also a native of Fairfield, became a prominent attorney and a distinguished representative of the democratic party in Illinois. Such was his professional ability and his high standard of citizenship that he was again and again called upon for judicial service and each change in his official connections marked an upward step. He served as county judge, as circuit judge, as appellate judge, as judge of the supreme court and as chief justice of the state, and his record at all times reflected credit and honor upon the judicial history of Illinois.

His son, Joseph G. Boggs, after attending public schools of Fairfield and Springfield, continued his education in Northwestern University at Evanston, Illinois. When his textbooks were put aside he entered a bank of Fairfield as a clerk and later became assistant cashier of the First National Bank of Fairfield, while subsequently he served as assistant cashier of the Fairfield National Bank. During the administration of Governor Dunne he served in public office, being made state building and loan inspector, and he also occupied the position of internal revenue inspector under President Woodrow Wilson. He was likewise national bank inspector under the comptroller of the currency under Wilson, working out of the St. Louis office, his territory covering Illinois, Missouri and Arkansas. With his retirement from office Mr. Boggs became president of the Granite City National Bank and upon its amalgamation with the First National Bank of Granite City in 1931 was chosen to the presidency of what is now known as the First Granite City National Bank. He is thoroughly informed concerning all phases of the banking business and displays keen insight into those problems which have to do with the growth, upbuilding and success of the institution which he represents.

On the 16th of January, 1907, Mr. Boggs was married to Miss Harriett Dickey, of Fairfield, Illinois, and they now have two children, Carroll C. and Virginia Lee, both of whom are college students, the former attending the University of Illinois and the latter the University of Wisconsin. Mr. Boggs is well known in fraternal circles, having membership with the Masons, the Elks and the Moose, and he is ever loyal to any cause which he espouses. From the time of attaining his majority he has been an active supporter of the democratic party and is considered one of its outstanding representatives in Granite City. His interest in civic betterment is manifest in many tangible ways, for his aid can always be counted upon to further any plan or measure for the general good.

MICHAEL L. IGOE

Michael L. Igoe, who has served in the Illinois legislature as representative from the fifth district for eight terms, has been a member of the democratic national committee since 1930 and was nominated congressman-at-large at the primary election of April 10, 1934, and regularly elected on November 6, 1934. He has been a member of the Illinois bar for more than a quarter of a century and with the passing years has been accorded a clientele of increasing volume and importance, maintaining offices at 1 North LaSalle street in Chicago.

Mr. Igoe was born in St. Paul, Minnesota, April 16, 1885, a son of James F. and Katherine (Sherrin) Igoe, and came with his mother to Chicago in 1894, when a lad of nine years. In the acquirement of an education he attended the parochial schools and De La Salle Institute of Chicago, while his more specifically professional training was received at Georgetown University of Washington, D. C., from which he was graduated with the degree of LL. B. in 1908. The same year he was admitted to the Illinois bar, and he has since built up an extensive and gratifying general practice in the city of Chicago. Aside from his professional activities he has figured prominently in politics as a supporter of the democratic party. Elected a member of the forty-eighth general assembly of Illinois as representative from the fifth district in 1912, he was re-elected to the legislature in 1914, 1916, 1918, 1922, 1926, 1928 and 1930, his record as a lawmaker fully justifying the unqualified confidence and continued support of his constituents. He also served as chief assistant in the office of the United States attorney in Chicago from 1915 until 1917, and he has been a member of the board of south park commissioners since 1924. He was a delegate to the democratic national convention at Houston, Texas, in 1928 and four years later was a delegate to the national convention in Chicago, where Franklin D. Roosevelt received the presidential nomination. Since 1930,



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as above stated, Mr. Igoe has been a member of the democratic national committee.

On the 22d of November, 1928, Mr. Igoe was united in marriage to Miss Ruth O'Connor, of Galesburg, Illinois, and they are the parents of a son, Michael L., Jr. They reside at 5434 Cornell avenue in Chicago. Mr. Igoe has fraternal relations with the Knights of Columbus, the Catholic Order of Foresters, the Ancient Order of Hibernians and the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks, while along strictly professional lines he has membership in the Chicago Bar Association and the Illinois State Bar Association. His appreciation for the social amenities of life is manifest in his membership connection with the Chicago Athletic Club, the Iroquois Club and the South Shore Country Club.

EDWIN M. SCHAEFER

Edwin M. Schaefer, of Belleville, is a well known figure in judicial, state and national conventions of the democratic party and, moreover, he is representing the twenty-second district in congress, where he has made an excellent record as a lawmaker, giving thoughtful and earnest consideration to all the vital questions which come up for settlement. Born in Belleville on the 14th of May, 1887, he is a son of Martin W. Schaefer and a grandson of Jacob L. Schaefer, who settled in St. Clair county, Illinois, in 1830, becoming one of the pioneer residents of this part of the state. Both he and his son were active and leading democrats of the district, and Martin W. Schaefer, a well known and honored member of the bar, served as state's attorney of St. Clair county and also as circuit judge, making a most creditable record on the bench as well as in the trial of cases before the court. He married Louise Weigle, who was born in Lebanon, Illinois, a daughter of John L. Weigle, one of the earliest supporters of the democratic party in his county.

Edwin M. Schaefer was reared in Belleville, where he attended the public schools, and later he continued his education in Smith Academy of St. Louis and in the Western Military Academy before entering the University of Illinois. Ultimately he was graduated from Washington University with the degree of Chemical Engineer. In early life he was employed by the Morris Packing Company as a chemist and for sixteen years he occupied the honorable and responsible position of plant superintendent with that firm.

Throughout his entire life Mr. Schaefer has been an active democrat and was elected a member of the county central committee in 1928. Almost immediately he was made county chairman and took charge of the Al Smith campaign. He continued to act as chairman through reelections in 1930 and 1932 and has been a most effective force in shaping the policy of the party and directing its activities in St. Clair county. In 1930 he was elected county treasurer but resigned in 1932, when he was elected to represent the twenty-second district of Illinois in the seventy-third congress. Owing to the death of Congressman Charles A. Karch, who was the nominee, the name of Mr. Schaefer was placed on the ticket on Monday and the election was held the following day. He received the support of his party and became the representative of his district in the national halls of legislation. He is now serving on the committees on flood control, and accounts and expenditures in the executive departments, and he has staunchly supported all administration measures. He also introduced and succeeded in securing the passage of several bills of benefit to his home district. He has attended all of the national, state and judicial conventions since 1928, either as a delegate or as a visitor, and is widely known in democratic circles throughout Illinois.

In 1914 Mr. Schaefer was united in marriage to Miss Lorene Kohl, of Belleville, and they are the parents of two sons, Edwin M., Jr., and Martin W., who are sixteen and twelve years of age, respectively. Fraternally Mr. Schaefer is affiliated with the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks. A lifelong resident of Belleville, he is widely known here.

HON. CARROLL CURTIS BOGGS

One of the most eminent men of the Illinois judiciary, and one whose affiliation with the democratic party lent distinct prestige to this political organization, was the late Carroll Curtis Boggs of Wayne county, distinguished as an associate justice of the supreme court of Illinois and the incumbent of other offices of high honor and which were a credit to his reputation and position among the people of his home city, county and state.

Justice Boggs was a native of Fairfield, Wayne county, Illinois, where his birth occurred October 19, 1843. His parents were Richard L. and Sarah A. (Wright) Boggs. The public schools of his native city supplied him with his first educational advantages, after which he took one year in the literary department of Michigan University, one year in the law department of the same institution, which was followed by twenty-three months in McKendree College of Lebanon, Illinois. He was admitted to the state bar of Illinois in 1867, and immediately took up his practice in his home town of Fairfield. Very quickly he acquired a large clientele, and his ability became widely known in the profession. In the year 1873, he was appointed states attorney, in which office he served until 1877, and in this last-named year assumed the office of county judge by election. For seven years, or until 1885 he held this responsible post, then was elected as a judge of the circuit court, which he held until 1897. For two years he officiated in the Third Appellate District of Illinois, and in June, 1897 was chosen to the highest judicial office of the state, as an associate justice of the Illinois Supreme Court. From June, 1900 until June, 1901, he was chief of this state tribunal. He was the successor to Judge David J. Baker on the supreme bench, and throughout his tenure of office acquitted himself with marked honor and satisfaction to the people of the state. He was a man of high ethical standards, and his interpretation of the law was ever beyond reproach.

Justice Boggs was married in Fairfield October 31, 1870, to Sarah A., a daughter of William Shaefer, and to their union there were born five children.

WILLIAM CARROLL KELLEY

Illinois democracy is proud to have enrolled within its ranks William Carroll Kelley, of Shelbyville, who now holds the position of county judge of Shelby county and who has been a member of the legal profession for over a half century. Twelve years of service on the bench have brought to him the highest repute and his decisions and conduct of his official duties comprise an outstanding record.

Judge Kelley was born in Shelby county on the 31st of July, 1847, and is a son of Chottin and Elizabeth (Smith) Kelley. The father was born in Overton county, Tennessee, and was brought to Illinois by his parents in the year 1818. He was here educated and during his career attained much prominence. In the insurance business, as mayor of the city of Shelbyville, justice of the peace and as an agriculturist, he was one of the most respected and admired citizens of the community. His wife, the mother of Judge Kelley, was born in Nicholas county, Kentucky.

In the local schools of his home county, Judge Kelley proved a very apt pupil, and when only seventeen years of age he received qualifications for teaching. His subsequent law studies at the University of Kentucky were earned by him by utilizing his summer vacations for teaching. He was not a foe to hard work, for it is interesting to note that the judge walked the long distance to and from his college after the close of the summer vacation. Judge Kelley began the practice of law in Shelbyville in 1877, having been admitted to the bar the previous year. His rise in the profession was rapid and he soon acquired a most desirable prestige. He served two terms as state's attorney, his first election to this office having been in 1880, and also for two terms in Shelby

county he was a master in chancery. Recognition at the polls was given him in 1922 by his election as county judge, which office he has held continuously since, his last election having been in 1930. The judge has never been compelled to do much campaigning. His merit has always been generally recognized, and the support given him at the polls has practically been without opposition. The judge is a member of the Shelby County and the Illinois State Bar Associations. His loyalty to the democratic party is a matter of tradition in Shelby county. He has been a devoted worker for the interests of the party, and his political integrity has ever been unquestioned.

Judge Kelley was married December 21, 1876, to Miss Antha D. Harper, a daughter of Albertus D. and Elizabeth Ann Harper, who were old settlers at Tower Hill, Illinois. Mrs. Kelley's death occurred in 1923, after she and the judge had been happily married for forty-seven years. To their union there were born three children, namely: Elizabeth Ann, deceased; William Lloyd and Leo Harper. Both of the sons are veterans of the World war. William Lloyd, whose death occurred in May, 1931, was, like his father, a leader in the democratic party, and for twenty years practiced law in Shelby county. He was at one time appointed assistant attorney-general of the state by Attorney General Carlstrom, but, on account of ill health, was compelled to forego the honor. He was past commander of the Shelbyville post of the American Legion, and vice state commander. Leo H. Kelley, the second son, is an archaeologist by profession and is engaged in foreign travel. Judge Kelley was married secondly in 1925, to Mrs. Powers, who is a sister of his first wife.

The religious affiliation of the judge is with the Christian Church. He is a member of Jackson Lodge, No. 50 A. F. & A. M., and of the Shelbyville Chamber of Commerce. Financial matters have been topics of interest to Judge Kelley, and he is a former director of the First National Bank of Shelby.

Civic and public affairs of Shelbyville and Shelby county have always been close to the heart of Judge Kelley and he has consistently given his efforts and support to matters of this character, all of which has contributed much to his general popularity.

CLARENCE ALBION REEDER

Clarence Albion Reeder has been connected with educational interests for a number of years and has served as county superintendent of schools in Washington county since 1931. He makes his home in Nashville and is a native of Jackson county, Illinois, his birth having there occurred April 1, 1888. His father, William H. Reeder, was born in McMinnville, Tennessee, July 4, 1860, and came to Illinois about 1865. The paternal grandfather of our subject and one of his sons fought with the Union Army in the Civil war, which probably accounts for the family moving north. William H. Reeder devoted his attention to farming pursuits throughout his active career and was a loyal democrat in politics. He married Missouri Burkey, a native of Jackson county, Illinois, and a representative of a family of Pennsylvania-Dutch pioneer stock. The Burkeys removed to this state about 1840 and have since been identified with the development of Illinois.

After attending rural schools Clarence A. Reeder became a pupil in the University high school at Carbondale and later entered the Southern Illinois State Teachers College, winning his diploma in 1924. He has done advanced study in Chicago University, Indiana University and Washington University of St. Louis. When he left the eighth grade of school he began teaching and followed the profession almost continuously until 1930, when he was elected county superintendent of schools of Washington county, taking the office in 1931. He has since given his undivided attention to the improvement of the schools, which he systematically and carefully directs with a view to making instruction of the greatest practical value to the pupils.

On the 29th of August, 1912, Mr. Reeder was married to Miss Sadie This, who was born in St. Clair county, Illinois, but lived in Jackson county the greater part of her life up to the time of her marriage. She is a daughter of Eugene and Alice This, farming people and stalwart democrats. Her great-great-grandfather, Joseph Serre, served as an officer under Napoleon in the Russian campaign and was made a member of the Legion of Honor. Mr. and Mrs. Reeder have two children: Paul, fourteen years of age; and Bobby Sue, aged seven. The parents hold membership in the Methodist Episcopal Church, and Mrs. Reeder, like her husband, is interested in politics, being a member of the Women's Democratic Organization of Washington county. Mr. Reeder belongs to the Rotary Club of Nashville, to the Chamber of Commerce and to the Farm Bureau. He keeps abreast with the best thinking minds of the country in all of his professional work and has membership in the State Teachers Association, the National Education Association and the Illinois Academy of Science. He is a constant reader, mentally alert to all that affects his profession or has to do with community, state or national welfare, and in matters of citizenship is one hundred percent American.

CHARLES H. LAMAR

The name of Charles H. Lamar is closely associated with many interests and activities which feature prominently in the history of Hardin and Calhoun counties. His entire life was passed in this county and he never hesitated to perform any service which he believed would work for the public good. His birth occurred in Hardin precinct, May 22, 1863, and he attended the public schools of the county seat. In young manhood he took up the profession of teaching, which he followed in the rural schools of Calhoun county, and then became principal of the schools of Hardin, occupying the position for two terms. He never lost his interest in educational affairs and in 1902 was elected superintendent of schools of Calhoun county. In the meantime, however, he has been called to other public offices, having served for one term as assessor and as treasurer of Calhoun county. In 1895 he purchased the Calhoun Herald and made it a strong democratic organ in this part of the state, continuing its publication through his remaining days. He was a staunch advocate of the democratic party and he believed in supporting the entire ticket in local as well as state affairs. For a number of years he was master in chancery and for several terms was school director. Hardin recognized his ability and devotion to the general good by electing him mayor and gave endorsement to his first term's service in a re-election. On numerous occasions he was a delegate to state conventions and he had a wide acquaintance among party leaders in Illinois.

On the 2nd of June, 1885, Mr. Lamar was married to Elizabeth Degerlia and they had four children: Sarah, the wife of A. B. Campbell, of Hardin, Illinois; C. Fred, who is mentioned elsewhere in this work; Joseph C., who is manager of the Chicago office of the National Life & Accident Insurance Company of Nashville, Tennessee; and Gertrude, the wife of Charles J. McDonald, of Calhoun county, Illinois. Mr. Lamar belonged to the Catholic Church and had membership with the Knights of Columbus at Alton. His interests were wide and varied, touching the general welfare at many points, and he continued a valued and honored citizen of Calhoun county until his death on the 10th of May, 1930.

EDWIN JOHNSTON

Edwin Johnston, lawyer and lawmaker, who has practiced continuously in Pittsfield since 1893 and who in 1900 was elected to the state legislature, was born near Milton, Pike county, Illinois, November 13, 1871, a son of S. T. and

Susan (Heavner) Johnston. The father was a farmer of Pike county who was born near Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania, in 1831, and died in July, 1916. His political support was given to the democratic party and he served as assessor of Montezuma township, Pike county, Illinois.

Edwin Johnston attended the public schools of that township, also the Milton high school and Illinois College at Jacksonville. For five years he followed the profession of teaching and was occupying the position of superintendent of the Pearl school at the time he abandoned educational work to give his attention to law practice. Having been admitted to the bar in 1893, he opened an office in Pittsfield and in the intervening years has been accorded a large clientage of distinctively representative character. His knowledge of the law is comprehensive and he is seldom, if ever, at fault in applying a legal principle to a point in litigation. From 1909 until 1913 he filled the office of city attorney and in 1916 was elected state's attorney. Again in 1924 he was chosen for that position and continued to serve until 1928. In 1900 he was elected to the state legislature and was a member of the house in 1901 and 1902. No one ever questions his stalwart allegiance to the democratic party, with which he has worked and voted since attaining his majority. For several terms he served on the county democratic central committee, has frequently been a delegate to state conventions of his party and attended the national convention held in Chicago in 1896.

On June 3, 1903, Mr. Johnston was married, Miss Elizabeth Chumley becoming his wife. They have two sons and a daughter: Merrill H., a practicing attorney of Pittsfield; Helen, the wife of Robert Alexander, of Schenectady, New York; and Glenn, of Pittsfield. The religious faith of the family is that of the Christian Church.

HON. LAWRENCE E. STONE

Hon. Lawrence E. Stone, whose present official and political activities are in the direct line of his profession, is recognized as one of the eminent members of the bar of central Illinois and is now serving as judge of the appellate court of the fourth appellate district at Mount Vernon. He was born on a farm in De Witt county, Illinois, December 9, 1875, a son of William and Minerva (Murphy) Stone, the former a farmer by occupation and a native of Tennessee, while the mother was born in De Witt county, Illinois.

Lawrence E. Stone spent his boyhood largely at Lane, Illinois, where he worked on a farm and attended the public schools. He then took up the profession of teaching, which he followed in the country districts for three years, but it was his ambition to become a member of the bar and his plans were all directed to that end. Entering the Illinois College at Jacksonville, he received his Bachelor of Science degree at his graduation with the class of 1903. He next filled the office of deputy county clerk of De Witt county and while thus engaged read law under the preceptorship of Judge Lott R. Herrick, being admitted to practice at the Illinois bar in 1906. In Clinton, Illinois, he formed a partnership with William Gray, who is now county judge, and thus he gained several years of valuable experience along professional lines. In 1914 he was appointed first assistant United States district attorney under Edward C. Knotts and served for two years, during which time he resided in Springfield. He resigned that position, however, to enter upon the practice of law and organized the firm of Stone, McLaren & Webb, his associates being Homer D. McLaren and George H. Webb. In that connection he practiced continuously until November, 1932, when he was elected circuit court judge to fill out the unexpired term of Judge Charles G. Briggles, and in June, 1933, he was elected for the full term of six years, so that he continues upon the bench and is rendering to the public a judicial service that has won him high encomium from his

fellow members of the bar. Within ten days after his election he was named by the supreme court as a judge of the fourth appellate court at Mount Vernon.

In 1907 Judge Stone was married to Adah H. Griggs, of Normal, Illinois, and they have a family of five children: William G., who is employed in the office of the secretary of state and is a student in the Lincoln Law School of Springfield; Lawrence E., Jr., who is associated with Ralph Turnbull & Company, certified public accountants of Springfield; Eleanor, who is acting secretary to her father; and Gresham and Frederiek, who are attending the public schools of Springfield. The family attend the First Christian Church of Springfield and Judge Stone is serving on its board of trustees. His political support has always been given to the democratic party and he has been an active worker in its ranks. In 1912 he was a member and secretary of the De Witt county democratic central committee and he was one of the organizers of the Roosevelt-Horner Democratic Club, in which he is now serving on the advisory committee. He is an interesting and convincing campaign speaker. He does not employ oratory in the commonly accepted sense of that term but is soft spoken, with a polished utterance that carries conviction as to his own belief in the principles which he proclaims and becomes an influencing factor in the opinions of his hearers. Along strictly professional lines his connection is with the Sangamon County, Illinois State and American Bar Associations.

RICHARD S. FOLSOM

Richard S. Folsom, a prominent representative of the legal profession in Chicago for more than a third of a century, now holds the office of attorney for the Board of Education. He is a representative native son of the city, born on the northwest corner of Twenty-fourth street and Prairie avenue in 1873. His father, Charles Antoine Folsom, was born in Maine in 1837 and lived in Lowell and Boston, Massachusetts, until 1869, when he came to Chicago and took up his abode in the home where the birth of Richard occurred four years later. He had enlisted in the Union Army at the time of President Lincoln's first call for volunteers and had served in the Civil war for five years when mustered out as captain of the Twenty-fourth Massachusetts Infantry. He died in Chicago in 1905, when sixty-eight years of age.

Richard S. Folsom acquired his early education in the public schools of Chicago and continued his studies at Columbia University of New York, while subsequently he entered Williams College, Williamstown, Massachusetts, from which he was graduated in 1894. His specifically professional training was received at the Northwestern University School of Law in Chicago, and in 1896 he was admitted to the bar. For a period of fifteen years he maintained partnership relations with Hon. James Hamilton Lewis, United States senator, a friend and associate of many years' standing. Mr. Folsom was master in chancery of the circuit court of Cook county from 1911 until 1915 and in the latter year served as general counsel for the Chicago Board of Education under Mayor Carter Harrison. He was corporation counsel for the city of Chicago during the first six months of William Hale Thompson's first term as mayor, being succeeded in the office by a republican. Unanimously elected attorney for the Board of Education in January, 1934, Mr. Folsom has manifested exceptional qualifications for the important duties devolving upon him in this capacity, his former connection with the school board in the Harrison administration now proving a valuable experience.

In 1905 Mr. Folsom was united in marriage to Miss Dorothy E. Moulton, a daughter of General George M. Moulton, of Chicago.

Mr. Folsom has been commander of Illinois Commandery Order of the Loyal Legion of the United States, whose membership is composed of commis-

sioned officers of the Civil war and their sons. Of more than seven hundred original father members, only four survive and these are nonagenarians. Mr. Folsom also belongs to the University Club of Chicago and to the Tavern Club, while along strictly professional lines he has membership in the Chicago Bar Association, the Illinois State Bar Association and the American Bar Association.

HARVEY D. McCOLLUM

Harvey D. McCollum, attorney at law, is engaged in practice in Louisville, his native city, and his record stands in contradistinction to the old adage that a prophet is not without honor save in his own country, for here, in the place where he was born and reared, he has gained steady advancement both in his profession and in connection with political activity. His natal day was March 13, 1879, his parents being James C. and Mary F. (Long) McCollum. The father, who was born in Clay county, Illinois, August 9, 1844, was a son of James McCollum, who came to this county from Kentucky in 1829, entered land from the government and began to till the virgin soil, continuously following farming throughout his active life. His son, James C. McCollum, established his home in Louisville in the '60's and became one of the prominent business men here, being connected with many important business enterprises. He organized the Farmers and Merchants Bank, of which he was president for many years. He was also an outstanding figure in democratic circles and for a long time served as chairman of the county board of supervisors. He attended all of the state, congressional and judicial conventions of his party and was very active in the Bryan camp during the period between 1896 and 1900. In fact his opinions carried great weight in party councils and his labors were an effective force in the attainment of democratic successes. He attended several of the national conventions of his party and wielded a wide influence among its followers. He was present at the inaugural of President Cleveland in 1885, and he passed away January 5, 1924, the community mourning the loss of a most valued, respected and honored citizen. His wife, who was born May 4, 1853, in Wayne county, Illinois, represented one of the old families of this state, her people having come from Ohio in the year of her birth. She was called to her final home October 5, 1933, having reached the age of eighty years.

Louisville's public school system afforded Harvey D. McCollum his educational privileges until he had completed the high school course. He next attended the University of Illinois, from which he was graduated in 1901 with the LL. B. degree, and since that time he has continuously engaged in practice in Louisville. His ability to carefully analyze a case, to assemble its vital points and present them before the court with clearness, force and logic have been the salient qualities in the attainment of his constantly growing success and prominence.

In 1914 Mr. McCollum was married to Pearl Kagay, a daughter of Mr. and Mrs. B. F. Kagay, of Effingham, this state. They have three children: Harvey D., Jr., who is a law student at the University of Illinois; and James F. and Harriet, who are public school pupils. The parents are members of the Methodist Episcopal Church, in the work of which they take a deep and helpful interest, Mr. McCollum serving as a teacher in the Sunday school. He belongs to the Masonic fraternity and the Independent Order of Odd Fellows and along strictly professional lines is connected with the Clay County Bar Association, of which he has been the president for fifteen years, and with the Illinois State Bar Association. His political activities have been far-reaching and resultant. As a supporter of the democratic party he began work before attaining his majority and he was nominated on the party ticket for the office of county judge before his admission to the bar but was defeated. In 1909 he was elected to the state legislature, serving as a member of the forty-sixth gen-

eral assembly. He has been master in chancery for eight terms and for many years has served on the board of education in Louisville. He was democratic committeeman for several years and was chairman of the county central committee for three terms, while for thirty years he was senatorial committeeman. He has attended all of the judicial, congressional and state conventions and has attended three of the democratic national conventions. He is widely known in political circles, just as he is in his profession, and his loyalty to the highest standards of each has made him a man whom to know is to esteem and honor.

HON. ROGER CHARLES SULLIVAN

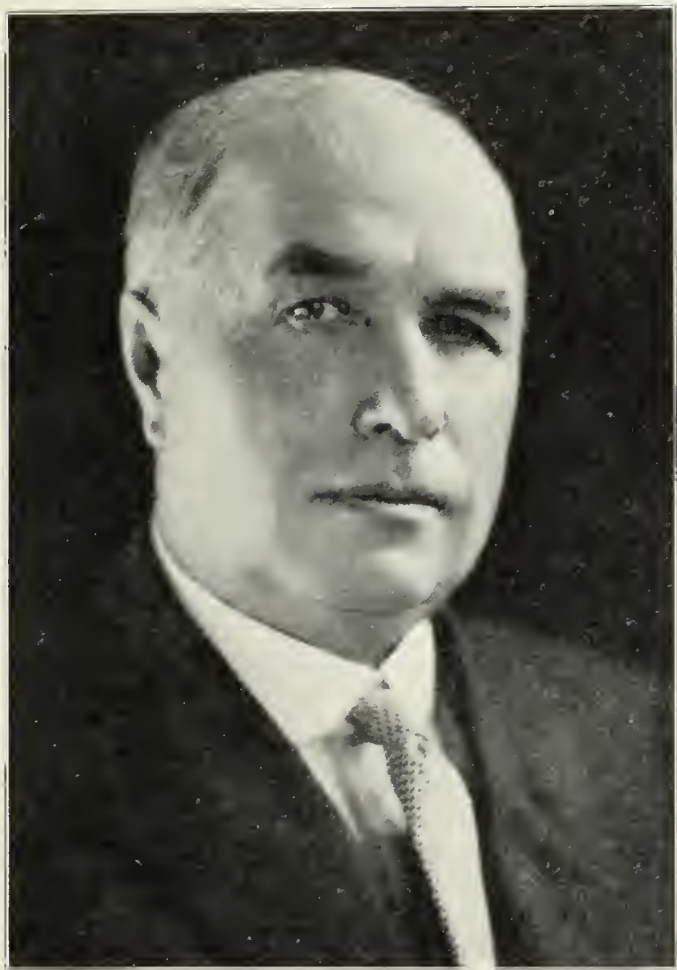
One of the most brilliant and influential democrats in the history of the party in Illinois was the late Roger Charles Sullivan, of Chicago, whose death occurred on April 14, 1920. His political activities were far reaching, having covered city, county and state, and even the national capital. He was a politician of the first rank and of the most commendable type, yet he was first the citizen. He had high ideals of citizenship, and his wonderful work toward the betterment of social, educational, business and civic conditions is a matter of authentic record. This character of work was the real inspiration of his career and in all of the multitude of activities with which he associated himself the benefit of his influence and assistance were outstanding factors.

Roger C. Sullivan was born in Belvidere, Illinois, February 3, 1861, and he was a son of Eugene and Mary (O'Sullivan) Sullivan. The first of the family in the country was his uncle, Boetius H. Sullivan, who came from Kennmare, Kerry, Ireland, and settled near Janesville, Wisconsin, about 1853. Mr. Sullivan's father crossed the Atlantic from Ireland two years later and settled in Belvidere, Illinois.

When Roger C. Sullivan was a child, his father died, with the result that he became a worker when a very young man. A few terms in the grade schools of Belvidere comprised his only educational opportunity. He first worked on a farm, then in 1879 came to Chicago, where he secured a job with the West Side Street Railway Company, in their shops, at one dollar and a quarter per day. Here he had his first political experience. He was then a democrat of real faith and when, in 1882, the foreman of the shops tried to organize all the workers therein for the republican primary candidates, he refused cooperation, although his staunch stand cost him his job. He next took a position as a custodian in the Cook County Hospital, and about this time, during the first Cleveland administration, he was appointed government gauger and then deputy collector. Mr. Sullivan gave his enthusiastic support to Cleveland, and at the close of the latter's administration he entered the trucking business.

In 1890, Mr. Sullivan was elected clerk of the Cook County Probate Court, but later retired from this office. He then started in the industrial phase of his career in 1894, when he organized the Ogden Gas Company. In 1901, he organized the Sawyer Biscuit Company, which grew to be one of the largest in the country. At the time of his death, Mr. Sullivan was a power in industry and business. He was president of the Great Lakes Dredge & Dock Company, and a director in several banks and manufacturing institutions.

As a politician, however, Mr. Sullivan is best known. For over three decades he was a conspicuous leader in the democratic party in Chicago, Cook county, Illinois and in the United States. His power grew with the years. He was an active figure in every democratic national campaign from 1892 until 1916, and he led the Illinois delegation to the national conventions of 1900, 1904, 1908, 1912 and 1916. In 1914, he won the nomination for United States senator, but was defeated by the republican candidate by a very small majority in a state overwhelmingly republican. During the World war Mr. Sullivan was a member of the State Council of Defense by appointment of Governor Lowden.



ROGER C. SULLIVAN, (Deceased)

Legislation in favor of improvement in social and governmental conditions in the state was always a favorite field of endeavor for Mr. Sullivan, and he exerted a profound influence on the legislatures in this respect. He was not partisan in his work, but labored for the good of the people. Reform laws were his particular hobby. Among the laws which he was instrumental in creating were those providing for the direct primary, civil service, votes for women, the Chicago charter legislation, regulation of private banks, departmental reorganization of the state government and adoption of the budget system for state expenditures. Education was another social feature which he fostered, and he maintained scholarships and helped students through college in many instances. The Roger C. Sullivan high school in Chicago is named in his honor. Mr. Sullivan was a sound believer in the value of the family in civilized life, of the benefit of real religious faith, and of the interest and cooperation of everyone in governmental affairs.

On February 11, 1885, Mr. Sullivan was married to Miss Helen M. Quinlan, a daughter of Michael Quinlan of Chicago. Mrs. Sullivan passed away December 5, 1929. Mr. and Mrs. Sullivan became the parents of one son and four daughters, those surviving being Boetius H.; Mary, who is the wife of Robert N. Wolf; Frances, who is the widow of Leo P. Cummings; and Virginia, wife of Thomas V. Brennan.

Roger C. Sullivan was a member of the Union League, the Chicago Athletic, the Mid-Day, the Iroquois, and the South Shore Country clubs.

JOHN E. CONROY

John E. Conroy, who is now serving as clerk of the circuit court of Chicago, has been continuously connected with some office since 1926 and brings to the performance of his present duties the benefit of valuable experience previously gained. A native son of Chicago, he was born August 11, 1888, his parents being Mr. and Mrs. John J. Conroy. He attended the public schools and a business college and since beginning his active business career has been associated with his father in the real estate field. He is thoroughly informed concerning property values and at one time he served as a member of the condemnation committee of Chicago and supervised the widening of LaSalle street from Washington street to Eugenia avenue at Lincoln Park. In 1926 he was appointed a member of the board of assessors of Cook county to fill out an unexpired term and was elected for the full term in 1928. He likewise served as secretary of the board in 1932 and a part of 1933 and was president of the board of assessors in 1930 and 1931. On the 6th of December, 1933, he was made clerk of the circuit court and is now the incumbent in that position.

Mr. Conroy is recognized as the democratic leader in the sixteenth ward and has been very active in local political circles. He resides in that ward and his interest largely centers in his home. His social qualities, however, make him popular wherever he is known. He possesses a humanitarian spirit that has been manifest in many tangible ways of helpfulness to his fellowmen and his pleasing personality has gained for him a circle of friends that is almost co-extensive with the circle of his acquaintance.

In 1908 Mr. Conroy was united in marriage to Miss Alice McElroy, a native of Chicago, and they are the parents of a daughter, Mary Alice Conroy.

THOMAS J. SALMON

Thomas J. Salmon, acting postmaster of Bloomington, is a native son of this city who has been continuously connected with the Bloomington post office during the past forty-one years. He was born on the 7th of June, 1875, his parents being John and Margaret (McGrath) Salmon, also natives of Illinois. The father, an engineer on the Chicago & Alton, was killed in the railroad yards in 1887. He was a staunch democrat in politics.

Thomas J. Salmon attended the public and parochial schools of Bloomington until twelve years of age, when his father's tragic and untimely death made it necessary for him to begin providing for his own support. His first position was that of call boy with the Chicago & Alton Railroad Company, while subsequently he obtained employment as a grocery clerk. On the 3rd of June, 1893, through the influence of his uncle, Thomas McGrath, he entered the Bloomington post office as a clerk and city distributor of mail. He became a civil service employe and was steadily advanced as he demonstrated his ability and trustworthiness in the discharge of the duties assigned him. He had served as superintendent of mails for eighteen years when reduced to foreman of the carriers under the Hoover administration, serving in the latter capacity until March 18, 1933, when he assumed the duties of his present position as acting postmaster of Bloomington. Reared a democrat, Mr. Salmon became an active worker in the local ranks of the party under the Cleveland administration and has since devoted as much time to politics as his work in the post office has permitted.

In 1911 Mr. Salmon was united in marriage to Rachel Voss Cunningham, of Bloomington, Illinois, who passed away in 1925. He is a Roman Catholic in religious faith and is a communicant of Holy Trinity Church. He is highly esteemed among his fellow members of the Bloomington Club and is also affiliated with the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks, the Modern Woodmen of America, the Royal Arcanum and the National Union.

JOSEPH TRINER

Joseph Triner, president and chairman of the board of the Joseph Triner Corporation, manufacturing chemists, has his offices at 1333 South Ashland avenue in Chicago and makes his home at 900 Columbia avenue in Oak Park. A native of Chicago, he was born October 19, 1894, of the marriage of Joseph and Katherine Triner. The father was the founder and president of the Joseph Triner Company, pharmaceutical chemists and manufacturers of medicinal mines, liquors, cordials and medicines. He died in 1918 and is still survived by his widow.

As a public school pupil Joseph Triner, whose name introduces this record, continued his education through the grades and the high school and then entered Columbia University of New York City as a student in the College of Pharmacy, which conferred upon him his degree at his graduation with the class of 1917. He then joined forces with his father and has since been closely and actively identified with the business of the Joseph Triner Corporation, of which he is now president and chairman of the board. An extensive business has been built up and the excellent results have largely been attained through the efforts of the present head of the corporation. His name is also known in banking circles, for he is a director of the Lawndale National Bank of Chicago.

In this city Mr. Triner was married to Miss Mae Hajicek, whose father, Frank G. Hajicek, is president of the Lawndale National Bank and is a stalwart supporter of the democratic party. Mr. and Mrs. Triner are the parents of two children, Joseph (III) and Marion.

The military record of Joseph Triner began with his enlistment in the United States Army on the 10th of May, 1917, at which time he was made a sergeant in the military intelligence department. He received an honorable discharge from the United States Army in order to serve with the Bureau of Investigation, Department of Justice. On the 18th of February, 1918, he enlisted in the United States Navy, becoming boatswain's mate, first class, in the naval intelligence department. Later he was a first lieutenant of the United States Reserves and is now a captain of the Reserves, being connected with the Fourth Chemical Warfare Procurement District of Chicago.

Mr. Triner has been untiring in his efforts to advance the interests of democracy since he attained his majority and he belongs to the Cook County Democracy Club and the Iroquois Club. He is now serving in various political positions of trust, being chairman of the state athletic commission, chairman of the national code authority in the wine and liquor division, chairman of the code authority in the wine and liquor division of Illinois and Iowa and chairman of the mayor's committee for the 1934 World's Fair in connection with liquor dealers, distillers and rectifiers. His interests have ever been broad and varied, connecting him with many activities which have had bearing upon the progress and upbuilding of city and state. He is the secretary of the Military Intelligence Association of Chicago and vice president of the United States Football Association. He is a prominent figure in social and club circles, belonging to the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks, the Chicago Athletic Association, the Illinois Athletic Club, the Bohemia Club, the Butterfield Country Club, the Army and Navy Club, the Reserve Officers Association, the Delta Kappa Epsilon fraternity and the Sojourners Club. He is likewise a Mason of high rank, having attained the thirty-second degree in the Scottish Rite, and he is also a Noble of Medina Temple of the Mystic Shrine. He has a very extensive acquaintance in commercial, social, political and fraternal circles and it would be difficult to find one who is more highly esteemed or who has a larger circle of warm friends in the Chicago area than Joseph Triner.

HON. GEORGE B. WHITE

Hon. George B. White, of Marion, who has been chairman of the county central committee of Williamson county for the long period of twenty-two years—1912 to 1934—is now filling the office of circuit judge. He was born in Pope county, Illinois, September 27, 1864. His father, Nathan S. White, a native of Kentucky, born in 1828, came to Illinois in young manhood and, having qualified for medical practice, followed his profession successfully in Pope county for forty years. He married Sarah Bell, a native of Obion county, Tennessee, and a representative of one of the old democratic families of that state.

George B. White was a young lad when he became a resident of Williamson county, where he pursued his early education as a public school pupil. He afterward attended Valparaiso University of Indiana, where he pursued his law course and was graduated in 1895 with the LL. B. degree. He then opened an office in Marion in 1896 and has been a member of the bar of Williamson county since that time. His practice grew steadily in volume and importance as he demonstrated his ability to handle intricate and involved legal problems and on March 1, 1933, he was appointed judge of the first judicial district to fill the vacancy occasioned by the death of Judge J. T. Hartwell. In June, 1933, he was elected to the bench and is still serving, presiding over the circuit court in a dignified manner, his opinions being characterized by fairness and impartiality and based upon a comprehensive and accurate knowledge of the law. In fact he is known as an unusually active and capable judge. Although this is his first public office, he has been an earnest worker in democratic ranks for a considerable period and has often addressed the public in campaigns upon the vital questions of the day. In 1912 he was chosen chairman of the democratic county central committee and has been continued in that important executive position for twenty-two years.

In 1889 Judge White was married to Miss Laura Ferrell, a daughter of Levi Ferrell, a leading democrat of Williamson county, who has held various public offices. The children of this marriage are: Pearl, now Mrs. Frank Powell, whose husband is a merchant of Marion; Fred F., an attorney of Long Beach, California; and Agnes, the wife of W. E. Tizard, a civil engineer of Los Angeles, California.

GEORGE E. BRENNAN

For more than a quarter of a century the life of George E. Brennan was so closely interwoven with the political history of the state of Illinois that in many respects he made that history and in large measure he left the impress of his individuality and ability upon the annals of the nation. Born at Port Byron, New York, May 20, 1865, he was the son of Patrick and Anastasia (Hines) Brennan, natives of Ireland. He came to Illinois as a very young boy and in his youth obtained only the rudiments of an education, as his father's untimely death made it necessary for him to provide for the support of his mother and his young sisters. Becoming a mule driver in the coal mines at Braidwood, he was but sixteen years of age when he met with an unfortunate accident, his leg being crushed between two carts and so seriously injured that it had to be amputated on the spot, without an anaesthetic. Thus physically handicapped, he could no longer work as a laborer, and with undaunted courage he determined to work with his brain. Resuming his educational training, he subsequently taught school for a time and later became assistant superintendent of the schools of Joliet. This period marked his political start. He began studying the vital political problems of that day and from 1883 until 1897, during the administration of Governor John P. Altgeld, he served as chief clerk in the office of William H. Hinrichsen, secretary of state, at Springfield, Illinois. There he became a member of the democratic county committee and won the recognition of the party leaders, who saw in him the qualities that enabled him later to guide the destinies of the party in the state.

In 1900 Mr. Brennan came to Chicago and entered the insurance business, his activities in this field later making him a wealthy man. His business association with the United States Fidelity & Guaranty Company led to his becoming manager of the Chicago office, which under his guidance became the most valuable the company had. Through the friendships he had formed in Springfield, he soon found himself in the very midst of Chicago politics, but always as a counsellor and strategist rather than as a seeker for office. Not long after his arrival here he was made a member of the democratic state committee, the organization whose destinies he controlled until his death. For years he was ward committeeman of the old thirty-second ward on the south side of the city. He became allied with John P. Hopkins, who had been Chicago's mayor from 1893 until 1895, and as manager of the campaign of Thomas Gahan for the office of county treasurer he made his first bid for political power. The famous Roger Sullivan, past master at politics and maneuvering, was the leader of Illinois democracy during the time when Mr. Brennan was steadily climbing to power and the latter learned much about tactics and issues, as well as about the men of the democratic party, from Sullivan, while to this knowledge he was constantly aiding by reason of his own native wisdom and keen insight. He was the silent member of "the triumvirate," the others being Roger Sullivan and Mayor John P. Hopkins. Sullivan and Hopkins died and Mr. Brennan became leader and succeeded Mr. Sullivan as a member of the national committee, but long before Sullivan's death in 1920, Mr. Brennan's political brains were respected throughout the state and, as his acquaintance widened, largely throughout the country. Roger Sullivan had carried on a bitter party warfare for many years with the former mayor, Carter H. Harrison. The latter had withdrawn from political life but he had a loyal following and Mr. Brennan sought to win them into the fold, in which he was largely successful. Democratic primaries, which hitherto had called forth great animosity from rival factions, became very tame, Mr. Brennan naming the candidates, while the success of the party greatly increased. In 1920, when democratic leadership in Illinois had passed into his hands, he controlled the Cook county judiciary nominations by putting forth a democratic ticket on which both democrats and republicans were candidates for the bench and thus defeated the Lundin-Thompson-Small combination.

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GEORGE E. BRENNAN, (Deceased)

In 1920 Mr. Brennan helped nominate James M. Cox for president. It was in 1923 that he made William E. Dever mayor of Chicago and he was largely responsible for Alfred E. Smith becoming the democratic presidential nominee. He attended the national convention in New York when John W. Davis was nominated, being chairman of the Illinois delegation at that time, while at the national convention in Houston, Texas, in 1928, he was a leader of the forces that placed Smith's name at the head of the ticket.

Mr. Brennan himself was never ambitious to receive political preferment. It is political legend that his one try for public office was not really due to a desire to become United States senator, but to the fact that no other democrat cared to become the candidate. He was for temperance and against prohibition, he asserted, and his own personal habits were not in question. But one thing Mr. Brennan accomplished in that campaign. He focused the attention of the nation on the prohibition question and there were those who thought this was his main purpose. He was a strong advocate of home rule for Chicago and he was constantly seeking to advance the welfare and improvement of the city, while becoming more and more a powerful factor in national affairs.

On the 23rd of September, 1903, in Springfield, Illinois, Mr. Brennan married Miss Jessie Fogarty, a native of that city and a daughter of John and Anna Fogarty. They became the parents of a daughter, Mary Webster Brennan. Mrs. Brennan is a member of the Chicago Women's Club, the Chicago Historical Society, the Women's National Democratic Club, the League of Women Voters, the Council on Foreign Relations, the Catholic Association for International Peace and the Friends of Opera. All this indicates the breadth and nature of her activities. She is interested in all that pertains to intellectual and cultural uplift and progress for the individual and the community at large and her cooperation is eagerly sought along these lines. Her home is at 3240 Lake Shore drive in Chicago.

Mr. Brennan was a communicant of the Catholic Church and a member of the Chicago Athletic Club, the Iroquois Club and the Chicago Yacht Club. His death occurred August 8, 1928, when he was sixty-three years of age, and interment was in All Saints Cemetery at Des Plaines. The humble and the great gathered to pay their last tribute of honor and respect to him. Governor Smith was among the distinguished men in attendance. Mr. Brennan had political enemies, but they liked him personally when they knew him, for his ready smile and Irish wit had a way of winning them. His life was notable because of the splendid use which he made of his time and opportunities. Men recognized his superior qualifications for leadership, and countless numbers gladly followed his banner. He became a man of power—but it was a power never exercised for personal ends but for the public weal.

WILLIAM A. MILLS

William A. Mills, appointed by President Roosevelt on the 15th of April, 1934, to the office of postmaster of Salem, was born on the 9th of February, 1882, in the city where he still makes his home, his birthplace being the second courthouse of the county. His parents were Edward Clarence and Rebecca M. (Horton) Mills. The father was born in Salem, December 11, 1841, and died March 11, 1923, while visiting his sister in Coshocton, Ohio, being then eighty-one years of age and the oldest citizen of Salem who was born in this historic spot. His parents were Uriel and Adeline (Jones) Mills, who settled in Illinois at a very early period in the history of the state, and from that time forward the family has been closely associated with the progress and development of Marion county. Uriel Mills removed to the middle west from Massachusetts, and although a licensed attorney, he never practiced his profession here. He was chairman of the meeting called to incorporate Salem as a village in 1837. His son, Edward C. Mills, became a merchant of Salem, continuing in business there until his death. He served as a soldier of the Civil war,

acting as a teamster, and was at one time a member of the Illinois National Guard. In 1879 he married Rebecca M. Horton, who was born in Jacksonville, Illinois, her people having come to this state from Tennessee. Her father served in the civil war, in which he contracted disease that caused his death shortly after his return from the army.

William A. Mills began his education in the public schools of Salem and later attended high schools at Salem, and Robinson, Illinois, while afterward he was graduated from the University of Illinois with the class of 1909, winning his LL. B. degree. Having thus prepared for the bar, he entered into partnership with C. E. Jennings, an own cousin of William Jennings Bryan, who had previously been a partner of Silas L. Bryan. Mr. Jennings died in 1913, thus terminating a pleasant professional and personal association with Mr. Mills that had covered many years. Since that time Mr. Mills has practiced alone and has won for himself a most creditable position in the ranks of Marion county's attorneys. In 1917 he responded to the call for military service and, enlisting in the army, was sent to the officers' training camp at Fort Sheridan, Illinois. From there he went overseas, spending eighteen months in clerical work, receiving his discharge in September, 1919.

With his return to Salem, Mr. Mills resumed the practice of law, devoting his attention to professional activities until appointed to his present position—that of postmaster of Salem—on the 19th of May, 1934. He has been an active worker in democratic circles since attaining his majority. In fact his first activity was in support of Bryan in 1896 and he has never failed in his allegiance to the party since that time. He has frequently been a delegate to congressional, judicial and state conventions and in 1916 he was a visitor to the democratic national convention held in St. Louis. For two years he was a member of the county central committee and he has often been heard in many campaigns as the advocate of the democratic party and its nominees.

Mr. Mills holds membership in Luther P. Easley Post, No. 128, of the American Legion, of which he is a past commander. He is also past district commander and has been chairman of the board of directors, taking a very active and helpful interest in Legion work. He likewise belongs to the Masonic fraternity, being a Knight Templar, and is an Odd Fellow, while his interest in civic projects and public welfare is indicated by his connection with the Chamber of Commerce and with the Rotary Club, of which he has been president.

WILLIAM E. TRAINOR

The history of political activity in Jasper county finds a worthy representative in William E. Trainor, who is filling the office of circuit clerk. His father, too, was active in public life and the family name is therefore closely associated with the upbuilding and progress of this community. William E. Trainor was born in Jasper county, Illinois, January 15, 1876, and is a son of William and Rebecca (Bowen) Trainor. The mother was also a native of Jasper county, her people having come from Tennessee about 1820, so that they were among the pioneer residents of this section of Illinois. William Trainor, Sr., was born in Pennsylvania and established his home in Jasper county, Illinois, in 1852. He followed the occupation of farming as a life work and he held various public offices, in which he displayed marked fidelity to duty. In 1880 he was elected sheriff, serving until 1886, in which year he was the successful candidate on the democratic ticket for the office of county treasurer. He acted in that capacity until 1890, when he was again elected sheriff for a four years' term, and with his retirement he was once more chosen county treasurer, serving from 1894 until 1898, being thus retained continuously in public office for eighteen years. He passed away in 1899, while his wife survived until 1914. He was always a very active supporter of the democratic party and was accounted one of the foremost citizens of the district in which he lived for forty-seven years.

William E. Trainor was a public school pupil at Newton, Illinois, until he had mastered the branches of learning taught in the high school. He afterward became deputy county treasurer and thus had his initial training in public office. Subsequently he served as deputy county clerk and in 1908 he was elected circuit clerk, occupying that position through reelection until 1924, or for sixteen consecutive years. No higher testimonial of capable service and efficiency in the discharge of his duties could be given than the fact that he was again and again the choice of the public for the office. In 1924 he went to California, where he remained until 1928. Very soon after his return he was reelected circuit clerk. This record is one of which he has every reason to be proud and the democratic party claims him as one of its outstanding and honored representatives. Since attaining his majority he has been very active in its ranks, working effectively to win democratic victories, and he has again and again been in attendance at the county, congressional and judicial conventions, while in 1934 he was a delegate to the state convention.

In 1906 Mr. Trainor was married to Miss Mame McClough, a daughter of Nicholas and Eliza (Scott) McClough, representatives of a pioneer family of Jasper county. Their only child, Kathryn, was graduated from the Newton high school and the University of Illinois and is now dietician at St. Joseph's Mercy Hospital in Sioux City, Iowa. Mr. Trainor is a member of the Jeffersonian Club, the Tribe of Ben Hur, the Modern Woodmen of America and the Independent Order of Odd Fellows, and his social nature and genial disposition make him popular among his contemporaries and colleagues in these societies as well as in political circles, where he is so widely known.

OMER E. LEWIS

Omer E. Lewis, who is now serving as states attorney in Olney, Richland county, Illinois, has been very actively engaged in the work of the democratic party in this county for a number of years, and has done much toward the success of the local tickets.

Mr. Lewis was born in Lawrence county, Illinois, on April 27, 1887, and is a son of Stephen C. and Elizabeth C. (Wright) Lewis. The father was a native of the above named county, his family having originally come from Tennessee, entered land from the government and engaged in farming. Stephen C. Lewis studied law, was admitted to the Illinois bar, and began his practice in Lawrence county. In 1907 he moved to Olney, Richland county, where he has been one of the outstanding lawyers ever since. He has been honored with a number of public positions, including those of states attorney, county judge, master in chancery, and his present incumbency as corporation council of Olney. Civic affairs have been of great interest to him and he has given much attention to matters of public welfare.

Omer E. Lewis went through the grade schools and the high school of Olney, attended the State Normal School in Charleston, Illinois, and then took his law courses at the University of Illinois, which conferred upon him the Bachelor of Law degree in 1910. He was duly admitted to the Illinois State Bar, and began practice in Olney. His ability as an attorney and the success he attained in the cases which were assigned to him won the confidence of the voters and in 1913 he was elected city attorney for a term of four years. Later, he was appointed by Mayor Thomas Tippit as city attorney for a term of three years. In 1932, he was elected to his present office as states attorney. Mr. Lewis has been very energetic and loyal in his support of the democratic party and has many times stumped the county in favor of the whole ticket. He has been a delegate to several state conventions and has attended all congressional and judicial conventions since 1910. He was particularly active in the 1928 campaign in support of Alfred A. Smith. The strength of the democratic party in Richland county is due to the loyal efforts of such men as Mr. Lewis and in their hands the future of the party in this vicinity seems most optimistic.

Mr. Lewis was married in 1912 to Ola Gochmoner of Sumner, Illinois.

The professional affiliations of Mr. Lewis are with the Richland County and the Illinois State bar associations. He is known among his friends as a most enthusiastic hunter and fisherman and indulges in these sports at every favorable opportunity.

HON. J. EARL MAJOR

Hon. J. Earl Major, who resigned his seat in congress to accept the position of United States district court judge of the Southern Illinois district, has served upon the bench since October, 1933. Illinois claims him as a native son, his birth having occurred in Donnellson, Montgomery county, on the 5th of January, 1887. His father, Charles R. Major, was born in Missouri but in childhood became a resident of Illinois. He was a farmer by occupation and politically was a democrat, active in the local ranks of the party, which elected him a member of the county board of supervisors, and he has also served as county committeeman. His wife, who bore the maiden name of Emma Jones, was a native of Illinois.

Spending his youthful days under the parental roof, J. Earl Major attended the public schools of Donnellson until graduated from the high school. Later he entered Brown's Business College at Decatur, Illinois, and took up the study of law in Hillsboro, where for one year he read law in the office of Hon. Thomas M. Jett. He was next employed in the offices of the Chicago, Burlington & Quincy Railroad in Chicago and while thus engaged attended night classes at the Illinois College of Law, which conferred upon him the LL. B. degree in 1909. Admitted to the bar in the same year, he opened a law office in Hillsboro in 1910, continuing in private practice until 1912, when he was elected state's attorney of Montgomery county. His capability in that position resulted in his re-election in 1916, and his fellow townsmen further gave evidence of their confidence in his loyal citizenship by electing him at various times to congress between 1920 and 1932. In the former year he was an unsuccessful candidate for the position but in 1922 was chosen to represent the twenty-first district in the sixty-eighth congress. In 1924 he was defeated but in 1926 was returned to the office, in which he served for the two-year period. In the republican landslide of 1928 he was defeated by only one hundred and thirty-six votes but in 1930 was again elected to represent his district in the national halls of legislation and once more in 1932. During his congressional terms he was active on various committees, including post offices and post roads, labor, and election contests, and was a member of the judiciary committee of the seventy-third congress. His activities brought him prominently before the public as a recognized democratic leader and on the fifth of October, 1933, he resigned his seat in congress to assume the position of United States district judge of the Southern Illinois district, for which he had been recommended and to which office he was appointed by President Roosevelt on the 7th of that month.

On the 13th of August, 1913, Judge Major was married to Miss Ruth Wafer, of Donnellson, Illinois, and with their two children, Dorothy Jean and Mildred Ruth, they make their home in Hillsboro. In Masonic circles Judge Major has passed through the lodge, chapter and consistory and his religious affiliation is with the Presbyterian Church in Hillsboro. On the bench he is proving that the trust reposed in him was well placed. His opinions are fair and impartial, his rulings just, being based upon comprehensive knowledge of the law, with ability to apply its principles to the points in litigation. He has always been an active leader in the democratic party since early manhood and is a man of wide influence.



J. EARL MAJOR

M. J. WHITE

M. J. White, of Mount Carmel, was first elected county judge of Wabash county in 1913 and was again called to the office in 1926, since which time he has continuously served on the bench, his record being one over which there falls no shadow of wrong or suspicion of evil. Moreover, he is regarded as one of the outstanding representatives of the democratic party in his section of the state. His life story had its beginning March 24, 1873. He was born in Washington county, Illinois, a son of S. N. and Mary (Sitherwood) White and a descendant of one of the oldest families of the state, his people having come from South Carolina to Illinois in 1812, at which time they took up their abode among the earliest pioneers of Washington county. The grandfather of Judge White was a soldier in the Black Hawk war and took active part in other events which have shaped the history of the commonwealth. S. N. White, the Judge's father, was born in Washington county, Illinois, in 1843, and determining upon a professional career, he entered the Ohio Medical College, from which in due time he was graduated. He then opened an office in his native county and continued successfully in active practice to the time of his death, which occurred in 1879. In politics he was a staunch democrat and at all times an honored and respected citizen of his community. He married Mary Sitherwood, who was born in Fayette county, Pennsylvania, in 1846, and came to Washington county in 1864, when a maiden of eighteen summers. Following her husband's death she served as postmaster of Okawville from 1879 until 1897.

The public schools of Washington county accorded M. J. White his early educational opportunities, which he supplemented by a course of study in McKendree College at Lebanon, Illinois, which in 1895 conferred upon him the Bachelor of Arts degree. He then took up the profession of teaching, becoming principal of the schools of Enfield, Illinois, where he remained until 1898. Through the succeeding three years he was superintendent of the city schools of Eldorado, Illinois, and then resigned to become cashier of the First National Bank of that city, there continuing from 1901 until 1906, when he removed to Nashville, Illinois, and organized the Farmers & Merchants National Bank of that city, serving as its cashier from 1906 until 1908. The latter year witnessed his arrival in Mount Carmel, where he occupied the position of cashier of the American National Bank for five years. In the meantime, while teaching school, he began reading law in 1895 under the direction of Frank P. Tscherner, of Okawville, who directed his studies for two years, and he was later admitted to the bar. Following his retirement from the position of cashier of the American National Bank he was elected county judge in 1913 and served for four years. With his retirement from the bench he formed a partnership with P. J. Kolb, a well known attorney of Mount Carmel, with whom he continued in active practice until 1931. In 1926, however, he was again elected county judge, was re-elected in 1930 and again in 1934 and he is a candidate for re-election. His record on the bench is indeed a commendable one, as is attested by the majorities which have been accorded him at the quadrennial elections. He carefully considers every case that comes before him and his naturally analytical and logical trend of thought enables him to arrive at fair and impartial decisions.

Judge White has been active in democratic politics since his boyhood and from 1896 to the present time has taken active part in every campaign, making speeches throughout southern Illinois in behalf of the entire ticket. He has attended all state, congressional and judicial conventions since 1896 and has been a liberal contributor to the party.

In 1897 Judge White was united in marriage to Miss Mary May and they are now parents of four sons: Thomas B., a first lieutenant of the United States Marine Corps, who is a graduate of the United States Naval Academy at Annapolis; Lyman D., who is a graduate of the Northwestern University at

Chicago and is now with the Interstate Finance Corporation at Evansville, Indiana; James Gordon, who is engaged in the hotel business at Asheville, North Carolina; and Milburn J., Jr., of Mount Carmel, Illinois.

Fraternally Judge White is well known through his membership with the Masons, the Elks and the Modern Woodmen. He belongs to the Methodist Episcopal Church, of which he is a trustee, and along strictly professional lines is connected with the Wabash County Bar Association and the Illinois State Bar Association, serving at the present time as a member of the grievance committee of the latter. His interest in community welfare and public progress has been manifest in many tangible ways. While in Eldorado he was president of the Business Men's Club and during his residence in Asheville he served as one of the three trustees of the Bridget Hughes Hospital and aided in building that institution. Since coming to Mount Carmel he has served as a member of the board of education for eight years and as president of the library board. His influence is always on the side of improvement and advancement and his labors have been far-reaching and resultant. During the World war he was chairman of the speakers' bureau of the Liberty Loan and delivered addresses throughout southern Illinois. He has a wide acquaintance in this section of the state and is regarded as one of its representative men as well as one of its most distinguished members of the bar.

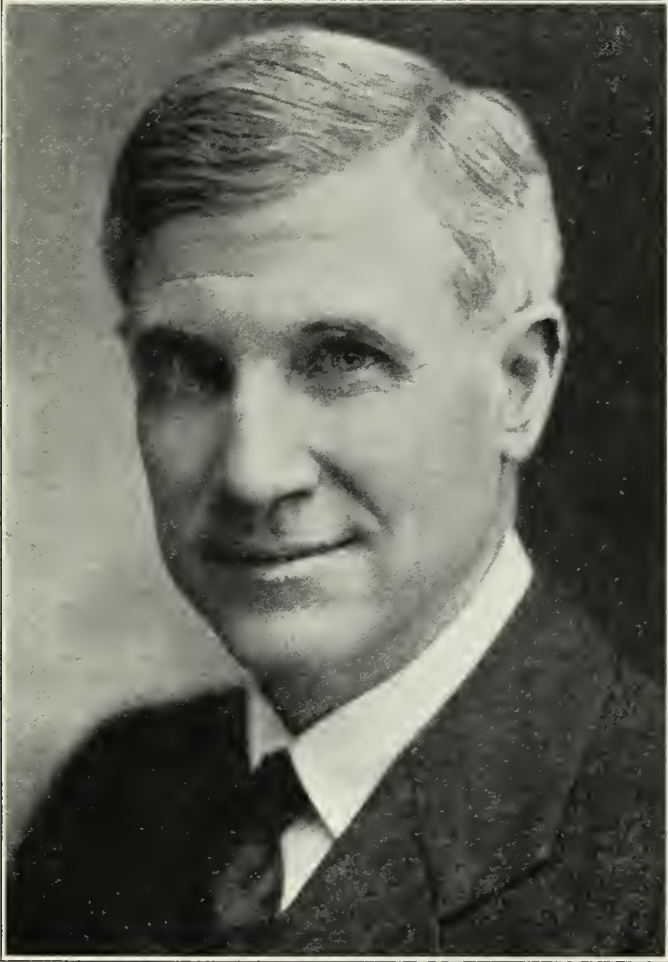
ARTHUR M. FITZGERALD

Arthur M. Fitzgerald, a leading member of the Illinois bar, practicing in Springfield, was born in the capital city, August 5, 1879, a son of James M. and Nora M. Fitzgerald. After pursuing his education in a preparatory school he attended the University of Michigan, from which he was graduated with the degree of LL. B. in 1902. His life has since been largely devoted to the active practice of the law and he is justly regarded as one of the leading representatives of the Illinois bar. He is very prominent as a trial lawyer, excelling in cross examination, and he has a large clientele, so that he has been connected with much important litigation tried in the courts of this district.

Mr. Fitzgerald was first married October 21, 1902, to Anne Grout. On the 12th of July, 1924, he wedded Florence Duncan. He has a daughter, Elizabeth Ellen. His social nature finds expression in his membership in the Sangamo Club of Springfield and the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks. Politically a democrat, he has been one of the inner circle of leading advisers whose opinions are sought in matters of party policy. He would never accept nomination for office, preferring to engage in the private practice of law, and he is attorney for a number of corporations.

WILLIAM S. JONES, M. D.

Dr. William S. Jones, actively engaged in the practice of medicine and surgery at Redmon, Illinois, and now filling the office of county chairman of the democratic central committee of Edgar county, was born in Buck township, this county, July 21, 1863, his parents being Louis and Eliza (Shields) Jones. The father was born in Harrodsburg, Mercer county, Kentucky, and came with his people to Illinois in 1840, the family home being established in Symmes township, Edgar county. His father, George Jones, was one of the early justices of the peace here, occupying the position for sixteen years. Louis Jones followed the occupation of farming in Elbridge township and he always gave stanch support to the democratic party, voting for the entire ticket. He married Eliza Shields, who was born in Elbridge township, Edgar county, her people having come to this locality from Kentucky at a time antedating 1818. Her father, William Shields, served as a member of the state legislature prior to the Civil war and was a representative of a family all of whose members were active in democratic politics.



ARTHUR M. FITZGERALD

In the common schools of Edgar county William S. Jones mastered the elementary branches of English learning. He then took up the profession of teaching, which he followed in the county for eight years, spending five years of this time in the town of Redmon, where he is now practicing medicine. He is accorded a liberal patronage, for at all times he keeps abreast with the most advanced thought and discoveries of the profession and is very apt in applying new principles to the needs of his patients. He attended the Kentucky School of Medicine, from which he was graduated in 1893, and he has continuously practiced in Redmon throughout the intervening period of more than four decades, building up a business of large and representative proportions. Since 1886 he has been connected with the local schools. Dr. Jones is a member of the Edgar County Medical Society, the Illinois Medical Society and the American Medical Association, and through these avenues, as well as through private study, he keeps in close touch with the advanced thought, purposes and ideals of the profession. He has served as president of the Edgar County Medical Society and is now president of the District Aesculapian Medical Society.

Dr. Jones has always been an earnest democrat and on attaining his majority became committeeman of Elbridge township, Edgar county. He has served altogether for twelve years as committeeman of Buck township and in 1934 he was elected chairman of the Edgar county democratic central committee. He served for two terms as supervisor of his town and for several years as a member of the town board. In 1932 he was elected county coroner for a term that will expire in 1936. He has attended many democratic conventions and has always supported the entire ticket.

In 1886 Dr. Jones was united in marriage to Miss Mary E. Henn, a native of Buck township, Edgar county, Illinois, and a daughter of John and Katherine (Cronnie) Henn, representing a prominent democratic family of this part of the state. John Henn followed the occupation of farming as a life work and he filled several town offices. Dr. and Mrs. Jones are the parents of two sons. The elder, Walter R., born June 1, 1887, is a graduate of the medical department of the University of Illinois and is a practicing physician of Seattle, Washington. He married Grace Weaver and has four children: Mary E., Raymond L., Ruth and Robert. Orin Chester, the younger son of Dr. and Mrs. Jones, was born in 1889 and has followed in the professional footsteps of his father and his brother, being a graduate of the medical department of the University of Illinois and now a practicing physician of Santa Maria, California. He married Estelle Bland and has two children, William and Sally.

Dr. Jones belongs to the Woodmen camp, of which he is a charter member, and for forty-seven years he has been identified with the Independent Order of Odd Fellows. His activities and interests have been centered and directed into those channels through which flows the greatest good to the greatest number and his record, professional and otherwise, places him with the valued and representative residents of Edgar county.

JOHN WESLEY YANTIS

John Wesley Yantis, one of the outstanding democrats of Illinois who has capably filled various state offices and is a recognized leader in party ranks, makes his home in Shelbyville, having retired from active business pursuits. This gives him ample time for political work and he is now a vice chairman of the state central committee. Born May 13, 1855, he was one of a family of fifteen children but only two are now living, his elder brother being Daniel Yantis, a resident of King City, Missouri. The parents were Daniel and Elizabeth (Longenbaugh) Yantis, the former a native of Maryland and the latter of Ohio. Coming to Illinois in 1853, they settled on a farm in Pickaway township, Shelby county, where the father secured a tract of one hundred and sixty acres of land, to which he kept adding from time to time until his holdings were extensive, and as his children married he gave to each one a farm.

John Wesley Yantis, after attending the country schools of Pickaway township, Shelby county, continued his education in Westfield College of Westfield, Illinois, an institution that was afterward consolidated with another school. After studying there for about two years he attended the Bryant & Stratton Business College in Chicago, where he completed a course in business and commercial law. He next accepted a clerkship in the general merchandise store of Kleeman & Goldstein at Shelbyville, remaining with them for two years, on the expiration of which period he formed a partnership with a brother-in-law under the firm name of James & Yantis. As general merchants they conducted a growing, extensive and profitable business for thirteen years and then sold out to J. T. Herriek. In the meantime Mr. Yantis had become deeply interested in politics and while still conducting his mercantile affairs he filled the office of chairman of the board of county supervisors of Shelby county for four years. His public record has indeed been a creditable one and in every office to which he has been called he has discharged his duties with promptness and efficiency. He served for four years on the state board of equalization and then spent a similar period as secretary of the railroad and warehouse commission of Illinois. He was then re-elected to the state board of equalization and again served for a four years' term. He was master in chancery of Shelby county for eight years and for the past ten years he has been vice chairman of the state central committee, thus having voice in shaping the policies of the party in Illinois. He has been a delegate to all the state conventions through the past fifty years and has never failed in his attendance at one of these. In 1904 he was a delegate to the democratic national convention when Alton B. Parker was nominated for the presidency in St. Louis. He also attended the national conventions of 1900, 1908, 1912, 1916, 1920, 1924, 1928 and 1932. He has a very wide acquaintance among the democratic leaders not only of Illinois but of the nation as well and is regarded as one of the foremost representatives of democracy in this state.

Mr. Yantis has been married twice. In 1876 he wedded Tarey James, of Shelby county, and they became parents of two daughters. Mabel became the wife of Charles Neher, of Shelby county, and after his death married Robert Homrighouse, a merchant of Shelbyville. By her first marriage she had four sons: Charles Yantis, who is deceased; Fred; and John and Richard, who are attending the University of Illinois. Juanita, the second daughter of John W. and Tarey (James) Yantis, became the wife of Theodore Clark Dove, a brother of Judge Dove, and of this marriage were born three daughters and one son, all living: Alta Jane, who is the wife of Fred Hardy, a civil engineer of Ironton, Ohio, and who is the mother of one son, Teddy; Juanita, the wife of Donald Hood, an instructor in aviation at Northampton, Massachusetts; Helen, assistant director of the Pittsburg Dairy Council of Pittsburg, Pennsylvania; and Theodore Clark Dove, now attending high school in Shelbyville. Mr. Yantis' second marriage, celebrated in 1882, was to Cordelia A. James. Their eldest child, Inez, is deceased. The second, Aubrey L., married Josephine Frawley, of Denver, Colorado, and their children are: Josephine, who in 1934 was graduated from the University of Colorado at Boulder; Betty Ann, who was graduated from the high school of Shelbyville in 1934 and will attend the University of Colorado; John Aubrey, at home; and one child who died in infancy.

Mr. Yantis is prominently known in fraternal as well as political circles. He belongs to Pana Lodge, No. 1261, B. P. O. E., and to Jackson Lodge, No. 53, A. F. & A. M., of Shelbyville, in which he has passed through all the chairs. In February, 1878, he joined Okaw Lodge No. 117 of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows at Shelbyville, and he was elected grand master of the Illinois Grand Lodge for 1901-02, while in 1903-04 he was representative to the Sovereign Grand Lodge. For seven years he served on the board of directors of the Odd Fellows Home at Lincoln, Illinois. He is a member of the board of trustees of the Old Folks Home at Mattoon, Illinois, which was established in

1900 and which in the intervening period has cared for more than sixteen hundred old people. He was grand master of the Ancient Order of United Workmen and has been a representative to the grand lodge of the Modern Woodmen of America. The Methodist Episcopal Church also claims Mr. Yantis as a member. His life has been largely devoted to the public service and along many lines he has labored for the welfare and benefit of his fellowmen, while over the record of his public career there falls no shadow of wrong or suspicion of evil.

AUBREY L. YANTIS

Aubrey L. Yantis, a widely known attorney at law now practicing successfully in Shelbyville, his native city, was born June 20, 1888, and is a son of John Wesley Yantis, one of the outstanding representatives of the democratic party in Illinois, who is mentioned at length elsewhere in this work. His family life has been closely allied with Shelby County since its early days, his mother's grandfather coming to the county from Kentucky and homesteading in 1833, while his paternal grandfather came from Pickaway County, Ohio, in 1854. The public school system of Shelbyville accorded Aubrey L. Yantis his early educational opportunities and following his graduation from the high school he attended the University of Colorado, thus completing more specifically his literary course. He then entered the Northwestern University Law School at Chicago and won his LL. B. degree in 1910. In July of the same year he was admitted to the bar and at once entered upon practice in Shelbyville. In a profession where advancement is proverbially slow and where progress must depend entirely upon individual merit and ability, he has steadily advanced and now has a large and representative clientage.

On the 24th day of May, 1911, Mr. Yantis was married to Miss Josephine E. Frawley, a daughter of John and Josephine (Headstrom) Frawley, of Denver, Colorado, and formerly of Stromsburg, Nebraska, in which city her father was the owner of a newspaper and also of drug stores. He likewise engaged in the oil business, was the owner of farm lands and held a substantial interest in the Stromsburg Bank. To Mr. and Mrs. Yantis have been born four children: Josephine, who will graduate from the University of Colorado at Boulder in 1935; Elizabeth Ann, who in 1934 was graduated from the Shelbyville high school; John Aubrey, at home; and one son who died in infancy.

During his college days Mr. Yantis became a member of the Beta Theta Pi fraternity, and was one of the organizers of the Northwestern University Cosmopolitan Club. He occupies a prominent position in the social life of his community and became one of the charter members of the Shelby County Club, which he aided in organizing. Like his father, he is well known in fraternal circles, having membership in Jackson Lodge, No. 53, A. F. & A. M., and also in the Royal Arch chapter at Shelbyville. He holds a life membership in Pana Lodge, No. 1261, B. P. O. E., and belongs to Shelbyville Lodge, No. 117, I. O. O. F. In 1922 he was made grand master of the Odd Fellows of Illinois and was sovereign representative from 1923 to 1933. He is likewise connected with the Woodmen of the World and each organization finds in him a valued and loyal representative. Along strictly professional lines he is connected with the Shelby County, Illinois State and American Bar Associations and is general chairman of the committee on American citizenship in the Illinois State Bar Association. Since attaining his majority he has been an avowed democrat; was a member of the County Democratic Central Committee for many years; was city attorney of Shelbyville in 1912 and became state's attorney of Shelby county in 1916. In 1923 he was appointed master in chancery of the circuit court, serving for two years' term, and again was called to that office in 1930. He is one of the three present judges of the Illinois state court of claims through appointment of Governor Horner, and the recognition of his ability in the field

of his chosen profession has thus again and again led to his election or appointment to office.

BENJAMIN S. ADAMOWSKI

Benjamin S. Adamowski, a member of the Chicago bar who has made a record as a dependable legislator in the Illinois General assembly, was born in Chicago, November 20, 1906, a son of Max and Mary (Wejnerowski) Adamowski, both of whom were natives of Poland. After attending the public schools of his native city he matriculated in DePaul University, from which he was graduated in 1928 on the completion of a law course, winning the LL. B. degree. In October of that year he was admitted to the Chicago bar and has since engaged in general law practice, yet paying particular attention to chancery matters. On the 29th of June, 1934, he was appointed by Judge Phillip J. Finnegan as Master in Chancery of the Circuit Court. He maintains an office at 33 North LaSalle street, and he has membership in the Chicago, Illinois State and American Bar Associations.

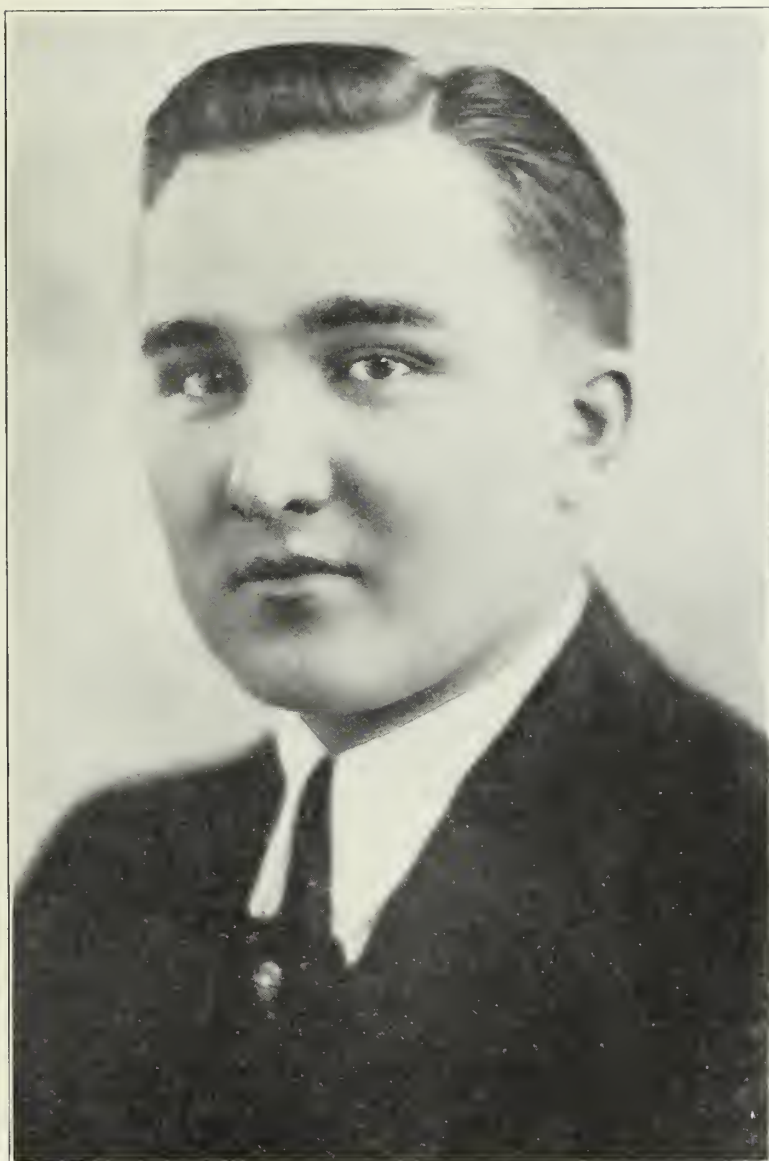
The first elective office which Mr. Adamowski held was that of member of the fifty-seventh general assembly of Illinois from the twenty-fifth district, which he has represented continuously since January, 1931, having also been chosen a member of the fifty-eighth general assembly for the two-year term beginning in January, 1933. He was made chairman of the judiciary committee, is a recognized leader of the Chicago delegation on the floor of the house and has rapidly developed in power and influence until he is today one of the most prominent members of the assembly on the democratic side.

On the 30th of September, 1933, Mr. Adamowski married Miss Kathryn Kaiser, of Chicago, and they reside at 2825 Logan boulevard. Mr. Adamowski is a member of the Knights of Columbus, of the Sigma Delta Kappa, the Iroquois Club and the Chicago Association of Commerce, which is indicative of his deep interest in civic affairs.

CLARENCE V. WARD, M. D.

While engaged in the general practice of medicine, Dr. Clarence V. Ward has specialized in the treatment of diseases of the eye, ear, nose and throat and is regarded as a physician of high standing and marked capability. Peoria is proud to number him among her native sons, his birth having here occurred June 14, 1895. His parents were James and Julia (Regan) Ward. The paternal grandfather, Patrick Ward, was a native of Ireland and about 1842 arrived in Peoria, where he established his home. He had started the voyage across the Atlantic with his wife and a son, but the latter died while en route. Patrick Ward was a brick mason by trade and was thus closely associated with building operations in Peoria. He became a stalwart democrat in his political affiliation and served for fifteen years as chairman of the board of supervisors, his long retention in the position being incontrovertible proof of his fidelity to office. He had two children, James and Katherine, the latter also a resident of Peoria.

James Ward, the father of Clarence V. Ward, served as a soldier of the Forty-seventh Illinois Field Artillery in the Civil war and became a very active and prominent figure in Grand Army circles, rarely missing a gathering of the veterans of 1861. He married Miss Julia Regan, a daughter of James Regan, who was a native of County Cork, Ireland, and who became a pioneer resident of Peoria county. In the Regan family were two children: Julia and Mary, who became Mrs. McCullough. To James and Julia (Regan) Ward there were born seven children, as follows: James and Mary, both of whom are married; Patrick, who is married and has four children, Edward, William, Cheridah and Bernita; Matthew, who is married and has a son, Robert; Frederick, who is married and has two children, Marie and Frances; Clarence V., of this review; and John, who married and died leaving a son, LeRoy.



BENJAMIN S. ADAMOWSKI

Clarence V. Ward pursued his education in the schools of Peoria, passing through consecutive grades to the high school. Later he entered the Bradley Polytechnic Institute and he pursued the study of medicine in St. Louis University, where he received his M. D. degree in 1919. He afterward took special courses on the eye, ear, nose and throat in Manhattan College of New York City and in a college at Vienna, Austria. He served as interne at Alexian Brothers Hospital of St. Louis and St. Francis Hospital in Peoria and thus gained the broad, varied and valuable experience which can be acquired in no other way as quickly and as surely as in hospital practice.

Dr. Ward enlisted for service in the World war in 1917 and was sent to Jefferson Barracks, where he received a commission as an officer in the Medical Corps. Throughout his term of enlistment he was on duty in this country. He is a member of the American Legion and along the line of his profession has connection with the Peoria Medical Society, the Illinois State Medical Society and the American Medical Association.

Dr. Ward married Miss Anna Gruber, a native of Peoria and a daughter of Anthony and Julia Gruber. They have an interesting family of three sons and a daughter: Clarence V., Jr., Gerald Thomas, Richard Lee and Mary Ann. The Doctor is a member of the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks, the Knights of Columbus and the Mount Holly Country Club. He is social and genial by nature, which makes for friendships, and he has led an active, busy and useful life whereby he has rendered valuable service to his fellowmen and has gained distinction as a representative of his chosen profession.

WILFRED S. KAY

Wilfred S. Kay, an attorney who is successfully practicing his profession in Watseka, Iroquois county, was here born August 19, 1888, a son of McClellan and Ella (Martin) Kay. He acquired a high school education in his native city and afterward attended Northwestern University at Evanston, where he pursued his law course, being graduated in 1910 with the LL. B. degree. He at once entered upon active practice and has since followed his profession, winning advancement through his ability to accurately apply legal principles to the points at issue. His knowledge of the law is comprehensive and exact and his presentation of a cause is clear and logical. He also has farming interests and by reason of his business and professional activities is regarded as one of the representative residents of Iroquois county.

On the 23d of August, 1911, in Chicago, Illinois, Mr. Kay was united in marriage to Miss Dorothy Langellier and they are the parents of a son, Louis. In his fraternal relations Mr. Kay is a Mason and his social nature finds expression in his membership in the Watseka Country Club. He also belongs to the Iroquois Club of Chicago. There is an interesting military chapter in his life record, for in May, 1917, he enlisted for service in the World war, and after serving with various units, was made a captain of the Eight Hundred and Third Infantry, with which he served overseas for one year. His political allegiance has always been given to the democratic party and he is now chairman of the county central committee. He has attended all of the state conventions since attaining his majority and was present at the national convention in Chicago in 1932, when Franklin D. Roosevelt was nominated for the presidency.

RAY D. STOUT

Ray D. Stout, occupying the office of county clerk of Sangamon county, was born March 9, 1891, in Glenarm, Illinois, and is a representative of one of the oldest and best known families of this section of the state—a family that has for generations given stalwart support to the democratic party. His parents were Samuel and Miriam (Davidson) Stout. After attending the

graded schools he entered the Springfield high school, from which he was graduated in 1911, and in September of the same year he matriculated in the University of Illinois, devoting a year to the study of agriculture. On the expiration of that period he secured a position in the Ridgely Farmers National Bank of Springfield, with which he remained until his enlistment for the World war in July, 1917. He was sent to Houston, Texas, in August of that year and in September, 1918, was transferred to Camp Joseph E. Johnston at Jacksonville, Florida, where he was commissioned a second lieutenant. He next went to Camp Forrest in Chattanooga, Tennessee, arriving there on Armistice day, after which he received his discharge on the 31st of December, 1918.

With his return home Mr. Stout again entered the Ridgely Farmers Bank of Springfield, with which he continued for a year and then turned his attention to the automobile business. After a short time, however, he entered the bond business, in which he continued until 1930, when he became a candidate for the office of county clerk, and at the following election he was chosen for the position for a four years' term. Again in 1934 he received the nomination of his party for county clerk of Sangamon county.

Mr. Stout has always resided in central Illinois, most of the time in Springfield, and he has a wide acquaintance in the capital and surrounding districts. His interest in the success of the democratic party has been manifest in many tangible ways and the record which he has made in office reflects credit upon the party organization.

LAWRENCE P. BONFOEY

Lawrence P. Bonfoey, a national figure in democratic politics, was on the 9th of December, 1933, appointed state airport supervisor for Illinois under the aeronautics branch of the Department of Commerce. His business connection is that of president of the Monroe Chemical Company of Quincy, famous manufacturers of Putnam Fadeless Dyes. He was born in Unionville, Putnam county, Missouri, June 29, 1884, his parents being Beverly H. and Anna (Webb) Bonfoey, the former born in Marshall, Texas, in 1850, and the latter in Hudson, New York, in 1854. Beverly H. Bonfoey was actively engaged in the real estate business at Unionville, Missouri, for a period of thirty years. In 1914 he removed to Oklahoma City, Oklahoma, where he continued his activities as a realtor for two years. He then took up his abode in St. Louis, Missouri, where he has resided to the present time. While living in Unionville, Missouri, he figured prominently in the local ranks of the republican party, served as mayor of the city and was also a member of the state republican committee. About 1924, however, his political convictions underwent a change and he has since been an adherent of the democratic party. During his more active years he attended the national political conventions. His family numbers five sons, as follows: Beverly L., a resident of Kirksville, Missouri; P. W., of St. Louis, Missouri; Lawrence P., of this review; Donald R., living in Oklahoma City, Oklahoma; and Warner T., a resident of St. Paul, Minnesota. All of the above named are stalwart supporters of the democratic party.

In the acquirement of an education Lawrence P. Bonfoey attended Blee Military Academy of Macon, Missouri, and afterward entered the University of Missouri. In young manhood he turned his attention to the insurance business at Unionville, Missouri, and in 1905 went to St. Louis as manager for the Travelers Insurance Company of Hartford, Connecticut, in the states of Oklahoma, Missouri and Arkansas. The following year he was transferred to Hartford, Connecticut, as assistant to the superintendent of agencies and in 1908 was made manager of the Philadelphia office of the Travelers Insurance Company, while four years later, in 1912, he was promoted to the position of manager of the Chicago office. In 1914 he severed his connection with the Travelers Insurance Company and came to Quincy, Illinois, to accept the official position of vice president and sales manager of the Monroe Chemical Company, with which he



LAWRENCE P. BONFOEY

has been continuously identified throughout the intervening period of two decades and of which he was elected president on the 27th of April, 1934. He has manifested remarkable executive ability and tireless energy in managing and directing the sales force of the company, the products of which are now marketed in every part of the United States. During the past seven years he has used an aeroplane in making business trips and four years ago purchased a ship in which he has since covered one hundred and fifty thousand miles under any and all weather conditions. His plane is a de luxe model Bellanca of the skyrocket type.

When General Balbo of Italy visited the Century of Progress at Chicago in 1933, Mr. Bonfoey greeted him and spent the entire week of his visit with him. In recognition of this he was decorated by the King of Italy as Cavaliere (Chevalier) in his Order of the Crown of Italy.

Mr. Bonfoey made many air trips with the late Honorable Henry T. Rainey as his passenger, and had the honor of taking Governor Horner on his first trip aloft.

Politically Mr. Bonfoey has become a national figure in democratic party affairs. He is personally acquainted with the outstanding representatives of the party and is called into conference with the national leaders when political problems are being discussed. He became a member of the board of councillors of the Minute Men of the Democratic National Committee and was made vice chairman of The Victory Campaign of the Democratic party for 1932, under the auspices of the Democratic National Committee, and served as an assistant to Jonett Shouse, who was the executive chairman at the 1932 National Convention at Chicago. In August, September and October, 1932, as vice chairman of the Democratic National Campaign Committee in the finance division for Illinois, Mr. Bonfoey was in full charge at the headquarters in the Congress Hotel of Chicago, directing the activities of the office in raising the money necessary to finance the Roosevelt-Garner campaign. The late Mayor Anton J. Cermak of Chicago had been chosen chairman of the committee for Illinois, but the press of his official duties precluded active participation in the campaign and thus the chairman's work devolved upon the vice chairman. Mr. Bonfoey was also made vice chairman and a member of the executive committee of the Roosevelt Business and Professional League, Inc. In February, 1933, James A. Farley, chairman of the Democratic National Committee, and Robert H. Gore, Florida committeeman and host to a delegation of party leaders at the Miami Biltmore Hotel, called Mr. Bonfoey by telephone and asked him to join them. Mr. Bonfoey made the flight of approximately fourteen hundred miles from Quincy, Illinois, to Miami, Florida, in eight and one-half hours, believed to be a record for a business trip against head winds. This flight received considerable press notice, Arthur Brisbane contributing an article of several columns which was circulated by the King Features Syndicate. Mr. Bonfoey was a delegate to the Illinois repeal convention held in Springfield on the 20th of June, 1933. He was appointed chairman of the Illinois Aeronautics Commission by Governor Henry Horner on the 1st of July, 1933, and on the 9th of December of that year received the federal appointment of state airport supervisor for Illinois under the aeronautics branch of the Department of Commerce. His is a pleasing and forceful personality that inspires confidence and esteem, and the circle of his friends is a very wide one.

Mr. Bonfoey is a member of the Masonic Order in which he has attained the thirty-second degree. He is likewise a member of the Knights of Pythias, the Independent Order of Odd Fellows, and the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks, being Past Exalted Ruler of his home lodge, while his college fraternity is Beta Theta Pi.

On the 17th of June, 1907, Mr. Bonfoey was united in marriage to Octavia Monroe, daughter of E. N. Monroe, the founder and former president of the Monroe Chemical Company of Quincy. Mr. and Mrs. Bonfoey are the parents

of four children: Lawrence P., Jr., Frances Ann, the wife of J. Negley Cooke, of New York, who is the mother of one daughter, Dianne; Edward Monroe, and MacBurney Webb Bonfoey.

HON. NORMAN L. JONES

One of the preeminent members of the democratic party in the state of Illinois is Norman L. Jones, who is now chief justice of the Supreme Court of the state, and who has been prominently identified with public life for many years.

Mr. Chief Justice Jones resides in Carrollton, Illinois, but was born in Patterson, Illinois, on September 19, 1870. After receiving his education, he was admitted to the bar in 1896 and shortly afterward entered into a law partnership with Congressman Henry T. Rainey, under the firm title of Rainey & Jones. This very successful and widely-known partnership continued until 1914, when Mr. Chief Justice Jones was elected circuit judge in the Seventh Judicial District to fill a vacancy. He was re-elected in 1915, 1921 and 1927 without opposition, and in 1921 the Supreme Court assigned him to the appellate court of the second district, in which capacity he served until 1931. He was elected to the Illinois Supreme Court on August 31, 1931 to fill a vacancy made by the resignation of Justice William M. Farmer. He was re-elected on June 5, 1933, and has been appointed chief justice of the court.

Mr. Chief Justice Jones has always been devoted to the interests of the democratic party and has worked unceasingly for its benefit. He was a member of the Illinois House of Representatives in the Thirty-eighth and Thirty-ninth general assemblies, was city attorney of Carrollton and state's attorney for Green county. In 1924, he was the democratic nominee for governor of Illinois.

Mr. Chief Justice Jones is married. His wife's maiden name was Almeda Pegram, and they have a son, Norman P.

GEORGE ANDERSON COOKE

George Anderson Cooke, former chief justice of the Illinois supreme court and recognized as an eminent member of the Chicago bar, is practicing as senior partner in the firm of Cooke, Sullivan & Ricks. For more than a decade and a half he has been located in Chicago and throughout the period his position has been one of leadership. Judge Cooke was born in New Athens, Ohio, July 3, 1869, a son of Thomas and Vanceline (Downing) Cooke. Early deciding upon law practice as a life work, he prepared for his chosen calling and entered upon practice in Aledo, Illinois, where he was a partner of Judge Guy C. Scott from 1896 until 1900. In 1902 he was sent to the Illinois legislature as representative from the thirty-third district and served by re-election until 1906. On the 25th of September, 1909, he was elected a judge of the supreme court of Illinois from the fourth district to fill out the unexpired term of his former partner, Judge Guy C. Scott. In 1912 he was re-elected for the full term, served as chief justice from June, 1913, until June, 1914, and remained a member of the Illinois supreme court until his resignation in 1918. Since the 1st of January, 1919, he has practiced in Chicago, becoming one of the organizers of the firm of Cooke, Sullivan & Ricks.

On the 20th of October, 1896, Judge Cooke was married to Miss Sarah Blee, of Aledo, Illinois, and to them were born four children: Marjorie, now Mrs. Robert P. McBride; Martha, the wife of Claude E. Channing; George Blee; and Thomas Blee.

Judge Cooke is a Presbyterian in religious faith and his college fraternity is the Beta Theta Pi. His political endorsement has always been given to the democratic party and it was upon its ticket that he was elected for legislative

and judicial service. His attention has chiefly been concentrated upon his profession and he is an honored member of both the Illinois State and American bar associations.

HON. SAMUEL ALSCHULER

A distinguished member of Illinois Democracy is the Hon. Samuel Alschuler, of Aurora and Chicago, who is United States Circuit Judge for the Seventh Judicial Circuit, and who has had an honored career in the practice of law and on the bench.

Judge Alschuler is a native of Chicago, where his birth occurred November 20, 1859, and he is a son of Jacob and Caroline (Stiefel) Alschuler. The family moved to Aurora, Illinois, in 1861, and in that city the judge attended high school. In 1881, he was admitted to the bar of Illinois and for about twenty years thereafter engaged in the practice of his profession in Aurora, achieving a high reputation as an attorney and as one extremely well versed in the law. In 1901, he became a member of the Chicago law firm of Kraus, Alschuler & Holden, and so remained until August 16, 1915, when President Wilson appointed him as a Federal circuit judge, which is his present incumbency.

Judge Alschuler has occupied many positions of trust in social and governmental affairs. In 1917, when labor disturbances threatened the war industry of meat packing, the judge was appointed Federal administrator for that industry, for fixing wages, working conditions, and adjusting disputes and judgment. Again his ability in this respect was recognized in 1923, when President Harding named him as a member of the President's Fact Finding Commission for the coal industry, when labor troubles appeared to be near. Judge Alschuler was a member of the State Commission of Claims from 1893 to 1897, and of the State Legislature from 1897 until 1901. In 1900, he was the democratic nominee for the governorship of Illinois, but was not elected. He was a delegate-at-large from Illinois to the democratic national conventions in St. Louis, Denver and Baltimore.

Judge Alschuler was married March 5, 1923 to Miss Ella F. Kahn of Chicago, and they now have their residence in this city.

HENRY WILSON CLENDENIN

One of the most dominant figures in the history of Illinois journalism was the late Henry Wilson Clendenin, whose death occurred July 18, 1927. For nearly a half century, he was associated with the Illinois State Register and was a man of powerful influence in the ranks of the democratic party.

Henry W. Clendenin was born in the village of Schellsburg, Pennsylvania, August 1, 1837 and was a son of Samuel Miller and Elizabeth Henry (Hevener) Clendenin. The Clendenins came to America before the Revolutionary war, and Henry W. Clendenin's grandfather, John Clendenin, was a soldier in the Continental army during that conflict. Samuel M. Clendenin taught school in Schellsburg, and in 1839, with his family, came west to Burlington, Iowa. Henry W. Clendenin attended the common schools and academies, and at the age of nine years took up the study of Latin, also later took Spanish and French courses under private tutors. When he reached the age of fifteen years, he had fully determined upon newspaper work as a life's career, and he then secured his first position, which was in the humble capacity of printer's "devil" in the office of the Burlington Hawkeye. For five years he remained with this frontier publication, during which time he learned thoroughly the mechanical side of journalism, and also did some editorial work. He then left Burlington and started out as a journeyman, and as such worked in a number of middle western communities. In 1858, he was foreman and telegraph operator on the Peoria Daily Transcript and in 1860 he was employed in Philadelphia. Having heard Abraham Lincoln speak twice, in Peoria and in Phila-

delphia, Mr. Clendenin cast his vote for the great Emancipator in 1860, which was the only time in his life he forsook the democratic ticket. After the outbreak of the Civil war, he enlisted in the Twentieth Pennsylvania Volunteer Infantry. After his service under the colors had expired, he returned to his mother on their farm in Rock Island county, Illinois, but in 1862 he again entered newspaper work as foreman and telegraph operator on the *Gazette-Argus*. In January, 1864, he became manager of the *Sentinel* in Metamora, Woodford county, Illinois. From Metamora he went to Keokuk, to take employment with William Rees in a printing office, and here he first contacted with Thomas Rees, who was an apprentice in the office with his brother. This was the beginning of a sixty-year affiliation between these two men. From 1866 until 1876, Mr. Clendenin was with the Keokuk *Daily Gate City*, and in the last-named year he became associated with John Gibbons, George Smith and Thomas Rees in the purchase of the Keokuk *Constitution*. He became business manager of this publication. The firm later became Smith, Clendenin & Rees, with Mr. Clendenin as editor-in-chief. This firm in 1881 bought the *Illinois State Register*, a paper then being operated at a loss, but this was the beginning of a most conspicuous career for Mr. Clendenin in newspaper work and democratic politics. With Mr. Rees he brought the *Register* to a successful status and made it one of the most influential papers in the state.

Mr. Clendenin was for a number of years secretary of the Northwestern Associated Press, before it became a part of the Associated Press, and he was a delegate from Iowa to the Democratic National Convention of 1880. In 1882, through his own efforts and the columns of the *Register*, he played a leading part in the democratic victory in Sangamon, the first since the close of the war. He was chairman of the State Central Committee in 1884, and in 1886 President Cleveland appointed him postmaster at Springfield, which office he held for four years. Mr. Clendenin was a staunch Free Silver democrat and was a close friend of William Jennings Bryan, likewise was a strong supporter of the Commoner in the latter's campaigns for the Presidency. He supported Woodrow Wilson for the Presidency, James Hamilton Lewis for his senatorial post, and Edward F. Dunne for the governorship. Mr. Clendenin was a member of the Springfield Library Board for many years, and during the World war period was a patriotic worker for the cause in Sangamon county.

On October 23, 1877, Mr. Clendenin was united in marriage to Miss Mary Elizabeth Morey. Mrs. Clendenin passed away January 10, 1920. Surviving their parents are the following children: George M., Clarence R., Harry F., and Mrs. Roscoe L. Ghering.

The religious affiliation of Mr. Clendenin was with the First Congregational Church. He was a charter member of Camp 114, Modern Woodmen of America, and also belonged to the Independent Order of Odd Fellows.

EDWARD J. KAINDL

Edward J. Kaindl, committeeman from the thirty-first ward of Chicago and now serving as city collector under appointment of the late Mayor Cermak, was born in the Illinois metropolis on the 24th of September, 1885, his parents being Sebastian and Pauline (Felder) Kaindl, both of whom came from Germany to the United States. The son attended the Wells public school and Saint Columbkille parochial school. He next entered the Chicago Business College, from which he was graduated in 1901. His first commercial job was at the Chicago Chemical Works, where he served as a clerk. He was then with the United States Brewing Company from 1905 until 1910 and gradually won advancement until he became cashier and assistant manager. In 1910 he established a retail liquor business which he conducted successfully until the advent of prohibition.

Mr. Kaindl has long been active in politics, his name being well known in democratic circles. In 1917 he was elected alderman from the old fifteenth

ward by a majority of seventeen hundred and thirty-six votes. He was re-elected in 1919, again in 1921, 1923, 1925, 1927 and 1929, each time by increased majorities. During his many terms as alderman he served on most of the important committees of the city council, being chairman of the railway terminal committee for eight years, and as such he supervised the straightening of the river, while the Pennsylvania station was completed under his regime. He was also instrumental in passing the ordinance that resulted in the opening of the streets between Randolph and the river, Lake Michigan and Wacker drive. His labors resulted in the Randolph street extension, and all of this work made the "loop" more accessible to the outer drive bridge and to the South Park boulevard system. Many other tangible evidences of his loyalty to the city and its best interests might be cited, but all of this is found in the aldermanic records. For eight years he was a member of the finance committee and in 1916 he was a delegate to the democratic national convention held in St. Louis when Woodrow Wilson was nominated for the presidency for a second term. On the 13th of May, 1931, Mr. Kaindl was appointed by Mayor Cermak to the office of city collector and he is giving good account of himself in that position through the faithful and prompt discharge of his many duties.

Mr. Kaindl married Mrs. Hazel Hoyt Berg, who is socially prominent. He belongs to the German Club of Chicago, is vice president of the Germania Club of Chicago, a nationally known organization, and is also identified with the Fraternal Order of Eagles and the Loyal Order of Moose. His hobby is travel and motoring. His attractive personality makes for extensive and warm friendships and he has a large circle of admirers who esteem him highly. He has proven the Good Samaritan of his district, listening to the troubles of countless numbers who come to him for aid and doing everything in his power to assist them.

HON. CARTER HENRY HARRISON

Foremost in democratic political affairs of Chicago is the Hon. Carter Henry Harrison, Jr., who is now Collector of Internal Revenue for the northern district of Illinois, and who has had a career of distinction in democratic political affairs of his city and state. Since Revolutionary days, the Harrison family has been one of the leaders in public life of the country, and the name is intimately associated with many of the momentous events in the making of the republic.

In Virginia there was Carter Henry Harrison, who was a son of Benjamin and Anne (Carter) Harrison, and whose brother, Benjamin Harrison, was one of the "Fathers of the Revolution," was one of the signers of the Declaration of Independence, and was governor of Virginia. This first Carter Henry Harrison married Suzanna Randolph, and through the family relationships traced kinship with President William H. Harrison and Thomas Jefferson.

Carter H. Harrison, Sr., noted in Chicago history, was born near Lexington, Kentucky, February 15, 1825. His father died when Carter H. was a child, leaving him with his mother, who was a daughter of Col. William Russell, a United States Army officer. Mr. Harrison graduated in law from Yale College in 1845, but spent much of his time at this period traveling with his mother. In 1855, he visited Chicago and was impressed by the importance of the community and its advantageous site. Accordingly he invested heavily in real estate, which was the basis of his later fortune. He attained prominence in Chicago, and in 1871 was elected to the first board of county commissioners of Cook county, and in December, 1874 he went to Congress from the Second Illinois District. In 1884, he was nominated for governor of Illinois, but was not elected. He was first elected mayor of Chicago in 1879, and was reelected in 1881, 1883, 1885, and 1893. He was mayor of the city during the World's Fair.

Carter H. Harrison, Sr. was married April 12, 1855 to Miss Sophy Preston, of noted Southern ancestry, and whose death occurred in 1876. The death of Carter H. Harrison, Sr. by the hands of an assassin on October 28, 1893 was a tremendous loss to the city of Chicago, which he had benefited so much by his wise rule and influence.

Carter H. Harrison, Jr. was born in Chicago on April 23, 1860, and he received his education in the city schools and in foreign travel. In 1881, he received the Bachelor of Arts degree from St. Ignatius College, which is now Loyola University, following which he took up the study of law in Yale and received his legal degree in 1883.

Mr. Harrison practiced his profession in Chicago from 1883 until 1889, then entered the real estate business, and from 1891 to 1894 was the publisher of the Chicago Times. Gaining prominence in public affairs, Mr. Harrison was first elected mayor of Chicago in 1897, with a large plurality, and he was re-elected in 1899, 1901 and 1903, and in 1911 was chosen at the polls for his fifth term. His regime was one of progress and accomplishment, and he followed well in the footsteps of his illustrious father in conducting the affairs of the municipality. During the World war, Mr. Harrison, with the rank of captain, was overseas fourteen months with the Red Cross.

On December 14, 1888, Mr. Harrison was married to Edith Ogden, who was born in New Orleans, a daughter of Judge Robert Nash and Sarah (Beatty) Ogden. Mrs. Harrison has become noted among Illinois women as a social leader, philanthropist and author. Mr. and Mrs. Harrison have two children, Carter H., Jr. and Edith Ogden.

Mr. Harrison is a member of the Sons of the Revolution, the Sons of the American Revolution, the Society of the Cincinnati, Society of Colonial Wars, and the Society of the War of 1812.

JUDGE JAMES WILLIAM CLENDENIN

The record of Judge James William Clendenin is one which reflects credit upon the history of the bench and bar of Illinois, and his service in democratic circles is equally creditable to the political party with which he is allied. Illinois numbers him among her native sons, his birth having occurred in Sparta, Randolph county, August 18, 1866, his parents being John S. and Eliza Jane (Moore) Clendenin. The father was born near Sparta, February 3, 1841, and the mother's birth occurred at an inn in New Orleans, Louisiana, December 15, 1840, immediately after her mother had disembarked from a sailboat after three months at sea, having come from the north of Ireland to the new world. John S. Clendenin was a volunteer soldier in the Union Army, enlisting as one of the boys in blue of Company K, One Hundred and Forty-second Illinois Infantry. He responded to the call for one-hundred-day volunteers and President Lincoln issued him a certificate of thanks for honorable service, which certificate is now one of the highly prized possessions of his son, the Judge. The father died January 5, 1869, from the effects of his war experiences, and was buried in the old cemetery at Preston, in Randolph county. His widow survived him for many years, passing away July 5, 1912, and being interred in Sparta.

James William Clendenin was graduated from the high school of Sparta with the class of 1884, and through two winter seasons he engaged in teaching school. In 1894 he completed a course in Monmouth College and following his graduation here he entered the University of Michigan, where he remained as a student until April, 1898, when he left that institution to volunteer for service in the Spanish-American war. He could have received his diploma after the war but was too short of funds to make the trip to Ann Arbor. His diploma, therefore, was issued in June, 1930, and he was graduated with his son, Robert James. In 1897 he began the practice of law in Monmouth and has remained an active member of the bar here since the Spanish-American war. Following his enlistment he became a first lieutenant and was battalion adjutant of the



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Sixth Illinois Volunteer Infantry. His record as an attorney has caused his name to be written high on the roll of the ablest members of the bar of his section of the state and no man is more careful to conform his practice to the highest ethical standards of the profession.

On the 24th of December, 1903, Judge Clendenin was united in marriage to Miss Louvisa Stevenson and they are the parents of a son and a daughter: Robert James, who is mentioned on another page of this work, and Martha Jane, who has completed a Spanish course at Stanford University, which in 1934 conferred upon her the Master of Arts degree. At present she is engaged in making translations of literature from Spanish to English for the University of Madrid (Spain) at Stanford University. She was married in Monmouth, September 22, 1934, to Bonnar Brown, of Winnetka, Illinois, who has been admitted to the Illinois bar and is now studying for his Master's degree.

Judge Clendenin has taken an active and helpful interest in all those projects and movements which he deems vital in the development of character or in the progress and upbuilding of a community. He is an active and consistent member of the United Presbyterian Church and has been superintendent of its Bible school for the past seventeen years. Fraternally a Mason, he belongs to Monmouth Lodge No. 37, A. F. & A. M., to the consistory at Quincy and to the Mystic Shrine at Peoria. As an Elk he served as exalted ruler of Monmouth Lodge in 1906 and 1907 and he is identified with the Kiwanis Club. He is also a member of the United Spanish War Veterans, belonging to Monmouth Camp No. 78, also of the Veterans of Foreign Wars at Monmouth and of the Sons of Union Veterans.

Judge Clendenin has been exceptionally active in democratic affairs. He served as tax collector of Monmouth township in 1897. He was city attorney and corporation counsel of Monmouth for four years, being elected in 1903 and re-elected in 1905. In 1906 he was elected county judge of Warren county and took his seat upon the bench the following year, serving through four years. His decisions were strictly fair and impartial and won for him the high endorsement of his colleagues and contemporaries. On the 6th of April, 1913, he was appointed postmaster of Monmouth and occupied that position until April 13, 1920. His activity as a party worker began in 1908, when he was elected precinct committeeman, a position which he has since filled, and he served for four terms as chairman, covering the period from 1912 until 1918. He has attended nearly every state convention during the past twenty years, most of the time as a delegate, and also attended the democratic national convention in St. Louis in 1916, the national convention in Chicago in 1896 and again in 1932. In April, 1934, he was elected a member of the state central committee from the fourteenth congressional district and now has voice in shaping the policy and directing the destinies of the party in this commonwealth, his efforts contributing to the notable advancement made by democracy in Illinois in the past few years.

ROBERT JAMES CLENDENIN

Robert James Clendenin, who is associated with his father, Judge James W. Clendenin, in the practice of law in Monmouth, is a representative of one of the old and well known families of Illinois that has long been named in connection with citizenship values in this state. His grandfather, John S. Clendenin, was born near Sparta, Illinois, February 3, 1841, and married Eliza Jane Moore, also a representative of one of the pioneer families of the southwestern part of the state. Their son, James W. Clendenin, was born near Sparta, August 18, 1866, and is mentioned at length on another page of this work.

Robert J. Clendenin, son of Judge James W. and Louvisa (Stevenson) Clendenin, was born in Monmouth, Warren county, Illinois, October 12, 1904. He acquired a public school education in his native city and in Long Beach,

California, where he was graduated from high school with the class of 1922. He then entered Leland Stanford University and won his Bachelor of Arts degree as a member of the graduating class of 1926. Determining to follow in the professional footsteps of his father, he became a law student in the University of Michigan and completed his course there in 1930. He then began practice in Chicago, where he continued until 1933, being associated with the firm of Cooke, Sullivan & Ricks. In the fall of 1933, however, he returned to Monmouth, where he joined his father, and the firm of Clendenin & Clendenin is regarded as one of the most potent forces at the Monmouth bar. The son, like his father, is a Mason and a member of the First United Presbyterian Church. He also belongs to the Young Democrats Club and loyally adheres to every cause with which he has become allied.

JAMES M. ALLEN

The roster of democratic officials in Illinois contains the name of James M. Allen, who is postmaster of Decatur and who has been known as an active party worker for a number of years. He was born in Wilmington, Will county, Illinois, January 28, 1873, a son of Robert L. and Adelaide G. (McDougall) Allen. Robert L. Allen was identified with every movement, statewide or otherwise, that had for its purpose the advancement of the party cause. He served as postmaster under Cleveland from 1884 until 1888 and was warden of the Illinois state penitentiary at Joliet under Governor John P. Altgeld from 1893 until 1897. His son, Edmund M. Allen, served as city judge and mayor of Joliet, 1906-1912, and was warden under Governor Edward F. Dunne from 1912 until 1914. From 1897 until his death in 1907, Robert L. Allen was general manager and treasurer of the Economy Light & Power Company of Joliet, Illinois, and occupied a prominent position in connection with the public utilities of the state. He served as chairman of the democratic central committee of the county for several years and was long a recognized leader of the party, his opinions carrying weight in party councils. He was also president of the old Jeffersonian Club for many years and was an outstanding figure in democratic circles, wielding a wide influence as one of the party leaders.

The public school system of Joliet accorded James M. Allen his educational opportunities and after leaving high school he became connected with the First National Bank of that city, his association therewith continuing for four years, during which time he rose to the position of chief bookkeeper and teller. He resigned to become secretary to Senator A. J. O'Connor, receiver of the Consolidated National Bank of San Diego, California, whom he thus served for one year, at the end of which time Mr. Allen was appointed cashier of the Illinois State Penitentiary and so continued until 1895. He then went to Colorado, where he followed mining until 1904, when he came to Decatur, obtaining the position of assistant cashier in the National Bank of Decatur, where he continued until 1913. He then took charge of the D. S. Shellabarger estate and acted in that capacity until 1923, since which time he has engaged in the insurance and investment business.

Even before attaining his majority Mr. Allen was active in democratic politics. He served as a committeeman of Decatur for twelve years and for six years was chairman of the Macon county democratic central committee, thus taking active part in guiding the destinies of the party. He attends all of the state, congressional and judicial conventions and he was a delegate to the national convention held in Houston, Texas, and also the one in Chicago in 1932. He works earnestly for the benefit of the entire ticket and there are many who are willing to follow his leadership, knowing that he is always loyal to his honest convictions and that his citizenship is above reproach.

In 1899 Mr. Allen was united in marriage to Miss Grace Shellabarger, a native of Decatur, Illinois, and to them was born a daughter, Corinne, who is deceased. The Masonic fraternity finds in Mr. Allen a stalwart follower. During

the World war he was chairman of the Council of Defense of Macon county. He was one of the organizers of the Community Chest of Decatur, of which he was president for two years. His interest in community welfare is further indicated in his association with the Chamber of Commerce and that he is appreciative of the social amenities of life is seen in his identification with the Decatur Country Club and the Decatur Club. No good work seeks his aid in vain. He is interested in public welfare and in public progress and his cooperation can always be counted upon to further any measure looking to the general good.

SHERWOOD DIXON

Exemplifying all the highest ethical standards of the profession, Sherwood Dixon is actively and successfully engaged in the practice of law in the city of Dixon, where he took up professional work in 1919. Step by step he has advanced and his record is one which reflects credit and honor upon his chosen calling. He was born in the city where he still resides June 19, 1896, a son of Henry S. Dixon and a grandson of Sherwood Dixon, who was born in the city of Dixon and here entered upon the practice of law in 1867. He gained prominence as a member of the bar and also as a lawmaker, serving as a member of the state senate for two terms. In 1893 he was appointed United States attorney by President Cleveland, with office in Chicago, and was serving in that position at the time of his death, which occurred in 1894. He had attended various state and national conventions of the democratic party and was well known to its leaders in Illinois and other parts of the nation. His wife, who bore the maiden name of Melissa Mead, was also a native of Dixon and in this city their son, Henry S. Dixon, was born August 20, 1870. He was a member of the first class to graduate from the Chicago-Kent College of Law, the year being 1893. He was assistant to his father in the office of United States attorney in Chicago until the father's death in 1894, and in 1895 he returned to Dixon, where he engaged actively in law practice until his death on the 26th of July, 1928. As a young man he became active in the democratic party and was a prominent figure in the campaign of 1896. He served as chairman of the democratic central committee of Lee county for many years, acting in that capacity at the time of his death. He was referee in bankruptcy from 1898 until his demise and he was a well known figure in state and national conventions, attending practically all of the conventions of his party for many years. His religious faith was that of the Catholic Church and he belonged to the Knights of Columbus and the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks. He married Margaret C. Casey, who was born in Chicago, June 19, 1870, and they were the parents of four children, as follows: Sherwood, of this review; Marian, the wife of George T. VanNuys, of Dixon, Illinois; Jerome F., a practicing attorney of Chicago who is also active in democratic politics of Cook county; and Robert A., who is also an attorney by profession.

Sherwood Dixon completed a high school course in his native city by graduation with the class of 1914 and then prepared for the practice of law in the University of Notre Dame, where he won his LL. B. degree in 1920. He left college, however, to enter the United States Army on the 13th of May, 1917, going to France as a member of the Three Hundred and Thirty-second Infantry on the 25th of May, 1918, and returning on the 3d of May, 1919, having in the meantime participated in the battle of Vittorio-Veneto on the Italian front.

When his military experience was over he resumed his law studies and then entered upon active practice in Dixon, being of the third generations of the family to engage in professional work of this character. He has always been accorded a liberal clientage and has been connected with much of the important work of the courts of his district through the past fourteen years.

On the 2d of September, 1933, Mr. Dixon was united in marriage to Miss Helen Cahill and they are the parents of a son, Henry Sherwood.

Mr. Dixon is a member of the American Legion and is active in its work. He also belongs to the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks and to the Knights of Columbus, his religious faith being that of the Catholic Church. He has also followed in the political footsteps of his father and grandfather and has been an earnest worker in the democratic party since old enough to comprehend something of its principles. In 1928 he was elected precinct committeeman and was chosen chairman to succeed his father, and since that time he has been re-elected committeeman and chairman at each biennial period. In 1932 he was elected a member of the state central committee and was re-elected in 1934. He has attended all of the state conventions of his party since 1920 and was present at the democratic national convention in Chicago in 1932. He was also on the speakers' list in the campaign in the thirteenth congressional district, and by reason of his professional ability and his worth as a man and as a citizen, his political labors have carried weight and influence.

GEORGE ROBERT LEE HEARNE

Municipal affairs in Carthage are being wisely directed by George R. L. Hearne, the efficient mayor of the city, who combines high ideals with practical methods. He is also known as a representative business man of Carthage and as one of the foremost democrats of Hancock county. Born near Quincy, Illinois, June 30, 1873, he is a son of Campbell S. and Elizabeth (Hastings) Hearne. The mother was born near Quincy, Illinois, March 26, 1855, and was called to her final rest in 1875, being a young woman of only twenty years. Mr. Hearne was born in Woodford county, Kentucky, November 20, 1844, and reached the age of about sixty-nine years, his death occurring August 29, 1914. He followed farming as a life work, occupying a tract of land in Melrose township, Adams county, a short distance south of Quincy. Campbell S. Hearne enlisted in the Confederate army in the Civil war and served as a member of General Francis Marion Cockrell's Brigade from Missouri. In politics he was ever a stalwart democrat and took active part in the public interests of the community. For a quarter of a century he served on the board of supervisors of Adams county and for one term he was a member of the state board of equalization. Later he served as commissioner of the Southern Illinois Penitentiary at Chester under appointment of Governor Altgeld and at a later date he was elected representative from his district to the general assembly. The excellent service which he rendered during his incumbency in that office led to his election to the state senate and he passed away during his second term as state senator. His name is associated with much important legislative work done during his connection with the assembly and his political opponents as well as his political colleagues bore testimony of his loyalty in matters of progressive citizenship. He belonged to the Independent Order of Odd Fellows and the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks, and he also held membership in the Methodist Church.

George R. L. Hearne, after attending the public schools of Adams county, continued his studies in the Gem City Business College at Quincy. Subsequently he matriculated in the Barnes School of Embalming in Chicago and thus thoroughly qualified for the line of business which he has made his life work. On the 15th of July, 1909, he opened an undertaking establishment in Carthage, where he has now remained for a quarter of a century. Prior to that time he did railroad express work and engaged in the undertaking business evenings and mornings or at other odd periods. He now has a well appointed undertaking parlor and renders a valuable service to his community.

On the 13th of January, 1894, Mr. Hearne was united in marriage to Carrie L. McFarland and they became the parents of four children, as follows: Cora E., George McFarland, Mary K., the wife of John Fecht, of Carthage, Illinois, and Robert M., at home. The wife and mother passed away September 10, 1928, and



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in August, 1930, Mr. Hearne married Anna N. Drouot. During the World war his elder son, George McFarland Hearne, entered the United States Navy and in July, 1919, disappeared from the United States Naval Yard at Philadelphia, since which time no word has been received from him.

Mr. Hearne has long taken an active part in local democratic affairs and has been an acknowledged party leader in Carthage since locating here. In 1910 he served as secretary of the Hancock county central committee and he attends all of the county and senatorial conventions. In May, 1933, he was elected mayor of Carthage, so that he is the present incumbent in the office, and he seeks diligently to further municipal interests and promote the progress and upbuilding of his community.

HON. HARRY MICHAEL FISHER

One of the most outstanding of the representatives of Chicago's judiciary is Hon. Harry Michael Fisher, who resides at 545 Stratford place and whose record on the bench is one of distinction. He has served continuously as a judge of the circuit court of Cook county since 1921 and his name is inseparably interwoven with the history of this judicial body.

Born in Lithuania, January 1, 1882, Harry M. Fisher is a son of Moses and Anna Fanny (Kauffman) Fisher, the latter a daughter of Mandel Kauffman. He acquired his education in a Hebrew school in Europe until 1893 and in December of that year he arrived in Chicago—a youth of about twelve years. In this city he attended the public schools for two years, after which he started out to provide for his own support, following various lines of employment, including that of cap maker. In 1901 he again entered school, becoming a student at the night sessions of the Chicago Kent College of Law. There he was awarded the LL. B. degree in 1904 and the same year was admitted to the bar. He began practice in Chicago in 1905 as a law partner of Leon Hornstein, under the firm style of Hornstein & Fisher. At the request of Judge Mack, then of the juvenile court, he undertook the rewriting of the juvenile court law. His recommendations were embodied in a law enacted by the state legislature and this law is accepted as a model for the major portion of juvenile court legislation in the country, establishing Judge Fisher as an outstanding authority on the subject. He was instrumental in writing and in securing the enactment of several existing laws designed for the welfare of children, among which are the pandering act, an act regarding the contributing to the dependency and delinquency of children and also the bill regarding feeble-minded.

It was in 1912 that Harry M. Fisher was first elected municipal judge, to which office he was re-elected in 1918. In 1920 he headed a commission that went to Russia, representing the American Joint Distribution Committee, and there he succeeded in negotiating a contract with the Russian government, enabling this committee to organize its philanthropic work for the needy Jewish people, especially orphans. In 1921 he became a judge of the circuit court of Cook county and has since been upon that bench, and he has been chosen chairman of a committee to revise the criminal code of the state of Illinois. In a word he ranks as one of the most eminent members of the Illinois bar and as one of the distinguished jurists of Chicago.

On the 25th of June, 1905, in Chicago, Judge Fisher was united in marriage to Esther P. Soboroff and they are the parents of three children, namely: Batrice White, David and Deverra.

The military record of Judge Fisher covers service as chairman of the legal advisory board of District 82 in Chicago during the World war and his service as one of the Four-Minute men with the Council of Defense. He rendered valuable aid to the Red Cross and to the welfare work and he extended his labors to post-war times in the interests of striking Jews in eastern Europe, raising vast sums of money for them. The Judge is a member of the Jewish

Synagogue and along social lines is identified with the Bryn Mawr Country Club. He is also connected with the Covenant Club, with the City Club and the Iroquois Club, and he is a prominent member of the Chicago Bar Association, the Illinois Bar Association, the American Bar Association and the American Judicature Society. His life record should serve as a stimulus to others, showing what can be accomplished when there is a will to dare and to do, whereby native talent may be developed through the utilization of the countless opportunities which America affords her citizens.

HON. JOHN W. WILLIAMS

The name of Judge John W. Williams is widely known in connection with democratic activity in western Illinois and the strength of the party in this section of the state is due to the efforts of such men—men of outstanding principles and of high ideals as to the duties and responsibilities of citizenship. His life story is therefore of interest to many. He was born in Bear Creek township, Hancock county, Illinois, November 18, 1865, and is descended from one of the old families of Kentucky. His grandfather, Wesley Williams, was born near Mount Sterling, that state, March 24, 1792, and passed away May 12, 1870. His wife, whom he wedded June 9, 1831, bore the maiden name of Ruth Jones and died January 1, 1870. Wesley Williams, the grandfather, came to Hancock county, Illinois, from Kentucky in 1828, casting in his lot with the pioneer settlers of this region. He was a supporter of the whig party and served as the first county clerk of Hancock county, occupying the position from 1829 until 1841. He was also probate judge from 1829 to 1836 and recorder of Hancock county from 1829 to 1838, filling three offices at the same time. In 1827 he served for a short time by appointment as treasurer of Hancock county. While assessor he assessed the whole county unaided, such was the scarcity of population in those days. An active member of the Methodist Church, he contributed to the moral development of his community, and his belief in the brotherhood of mankind was manifest in the fact that he became a charter member of Hancock Lodge, No. 20, A. F. & A. M. His son, Wesley C. Williams, was the first white child born in Carthage, Illinois, his natal day being August 13, 1833. His life span covered the intervening period to November 4, 1891, and he devoted the years of his manhood to farming. Like his father, he was interested in public affairs and on various occasions was called to office. He served as supervisor from Bear Creek, Carthage and Prairie townships, was a representative in the general assembly in 1886 and 1887 and in 1888 was defeated for the office of state senator in the old twenty-fourth district. The Masonic fraternity found in him a worthy representative and in that order he attained the Knight Templar degree. His wife, who bore the maiden name of Mary E. Moore, was born near Wilmington, Delaware, June 24, 1835, and died April 9, 1920.

John W. Williams, son of Wesley C. and Mary E. Williams, took up the profession of teaching after completing his studies in public schools of Hancock county. He taught for several years and in the summer seasons often pursued further study. He also read law while teaching and thus qualified for active practice, being admitted to the bar in 1891. He then opened an office in Carthage and from 1891 until 1897 served as city attorney. In 1902 he was called to the bench, filling the position of county judge until 1906, and that the cause of education found in him a stalwart champion was manifest in his twenty-four years' service, from 1904 until 1928, as a member of the school board. He has always voted with the democratic party and was a member of the democratic state central committee from 1910 until 1916, after having previously served as chairman of the Hancock county central committee from 1908 until 1910. Since 1916 he has continuously been a member of the democratic central committee of Hancock county and he has

attended many state conventions, while in 1892 he attended the democratic national convention held in the Wigwam in Chicago. He also attended the St. Louis convention in 1916, when Woodrow Wilson was renominated for the presidency.

On the 27th of June, 1894, Judge Williams was married to Miss Adda Prentice, daughter of Luke P. and Lydia A. (Quinby) Prentice. Their children were: Miriam E., at home; and Prentice, who died at the age of eighteen years. Judge Williams is a Commandery Mason and Mystic Shriner, a member of the Eastern Star and a Knight of Pythias. In the last named organization he has passed through all of the chairs. He belongs to the Methodist Episcopal Church, in which he has served on the board of trustees for more than thirty years, and for three decades he has taught the men's Bible class in the Sunday school. His life has ever been actuated by worthy motives and high ideals and he has contributed a valuable service to his fellowmen in the field of his profession, in politics and in religious work.

HON. LOREN E. MURPHY

Hon. Loren E. Murphy, of Monmouth, who is circuit judge and one of the prominent representatives of the judiciary of western Illinois, was born near Cuba, Fulton county, this state, July 23, 1882. His father, James W. Murphy, was born December 25, 1857, on the same farm where the birth of the Judge occurred, and the occupation to which he was reared he made his life work, retaining his residence on the old homestead in Cass township, Fulton county, where he and his wife still live. Affiliated with the Masonic fraternity, he is a worthy exemplar of the teachings and purposes of the craft. In early manhood he married Anne E. Deakin, who was born near Canton, Fulton county, July 29, 1856, and they are the parents of six children, as follows: Loren E., of this review; Clarence D., who is a practicing attorney of Peoria and is the democratic nominee for county judge; Alta M., who is the wife of William Nelms and resides on the home farm; Ray W., who follows farming in Putnam township, Fulton county; Marie, at home; and Ruth, the wife of Everett Hawkins, of Harrisburg, Illinois.

Loren E. Murphy mastered the "three r's" as a pupil in the rural schools of Cass township, Fulton county, and in due course of time was graduated from the high school at Cuba with the class of 1903. Matriculating in the University of Michigan as a law student, he there won his professional degree in 1906 and was admitted to practice at the Illinois bar in October of that year. He then came to Monmouth, where he opened a law office, and although advancement in the profession is proverbially slow, he was not long in gaining recognition as an able lawyer, competent to handle intricate and involved legal problems. It was this recognition of his professional skill and ability that led to his nomination for the office of county judge on the democratic ticket in 1910. He received a good majority at the polls and was reelected in 1914, so that he remained upon the county bench until December, 1918, or for a period of eight years. He never allowed politics to interfere with the performance of his judicial duties, but as opportunity has offered he has done everything in his power to further the interests of democracy. For several terms he was chairman of the Warren county democratic central committee and served for one term as a member of the state central committee from his district, being elected in the April primary of 1932. In the fall of the same year he was elected to fill a vacancy on the circuit court bench and immediately thereafter resigned from the state central committee. In June, 1933, he was reelected circuit judge and is occupying that high office, his record reflecting credit and honor upon the profession that has honored him. For the past fifteen years he has attended the democratic state conventions and his opinions have long carried weight in party councils.

On the 26th of November, 1910, Judge Murphy was united in marriage to Miss Bess Ditto and they are the parents of eight children, namely: Elizabeth, Dorothy M., Margaret, Genevieve, Loren E., Jr., Wayne D., Darrell C., and Lewis D. Physically Judge Murphy is a large man. He possesses a strong character and a kindly disposition, is endowed with keen mentality and is today one of the foremost men of the state in both judicial and political circles.

JOHN M. SHEETS

John M. Sheets, editor and owner of the Oblong Oracle, which he has made a strong democratic organ, is widely known in both journalistic and political circles in southeastern Illinois. He was born in Oblong, Crawford county, March 29, 1875, a son of John and Harriet (Winger) Sheets. The father is also a native of Oblong, his people having come from Pennsylvania to Crawford county in the '30s. For many years he was one of the prominent business men of the town but since 1919 has lived retired, enjoying a well earned rest. He served as city alderman for several years and has always been a staunch and active democrat. He is today at the age of eighty-one years one of the four oldest native sons of Oblong. His wife, who was born in Indiana, was brought to Crawford county when two years of age and is yet living, having reached the age of eighty-two years.

The schools of Oblong afforded John M. Sheets his educational opportunities and after his textbooks were put aside he became a postal clerk, so continuing for four years. During that period he utilized his leisure hours for the study of law with the firm of Parker & Crowley of Robinson, and on the 11th of March, 1896, he was appointed postmaster of Oblong by President Cleveland, serving until the fall of 1897 and enjoying the distinction of being the youngest postmaster in the United States under Cleveland's appointment. In 1896 he purchased the Oblong Ledger, a weekly democratic paper, from David D. Slagle, who founded the paper in 1894. Mr. Sheets changed its name to Oblong Oracle and as such it has since been published. He has continued actively as its editor and has made it a readable paper, with a subscription list of eleven hundred. It has always been an organ of the democratic party and its editorials upon political questions and problems are clear, forceful and convincing. Not only has Mr. Sheets made the Oracle a forceful factor in democratic politics but has also personally supported the party candidates during campaigns and through their subsequent administrations. He is well known in newspaper circles throughout Illinois and has membership with the Illinois Press Association, of which he served as president in 1910-11, being the youngest man ever to occupy that position. Later he was elected its secretary, serving for five years. He likewise belongs to the Illinois Democratic Press Association, of which he was secretary for fifteen years, and he is a member of the Southern Illinois Press Association, the Eastern Illinois Press Association and the National Press Association. Since 1900 he has been a delegate to all the meetings of the State Press Association and since 1910 to the conventions of the National Press Association. He is likewise a member of the Illinois Weekly Press Association and is the father of the Past Presidents Association of the Illinois Press Association of which he became the first president and served for two terms. He likewise belongs to the Sigma Delta Chi, a press fraternity. His business and political activities have been closely interwoven. Even before he attained his majority he had become an active party worker and since that time has been closely identified with every movement of the county or state that has had for its purpose the advancement of democracy. He has served as precinct committeeman of Oblong for eighteen years, on the county central committee and was treasurer of the county committee for two years. In 1914 he was appointed postmaster of Oblong by President Wilson and continued in the office until 1922. Since 1904 he has attended all of the state, congressional and judicial democratic con-



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ventions and has stumped Crawford and neighboring counties in many campaigns in support of the entire ticket.

With many important projects having to do with the material upbuilding and progress of his community, as well as with its political advancement, Mr. Sheets has been closely associated. In 1904 he became one of the organizers of the First National Bank, was elected to the board of directors and has served as its chairman continuously since. This bank has operated successfully throughout the depression without its depositors losing a cent. Mr. Sheets was also the organizer of the local Rotary Club, became its first president and so served for two years. He is likewise a member of the Chamber of Commerce and acted as its president for five years. In civic matters he is a man of keen discrimination and farsighted. He recognizes conditions and opportunities, working to improve the former and utilize the latter to the full extent, and his labors have indeed been resultant factors in promoting public welfare.

On the 15th of November, 1896, Mr. Sheets was married to Miss Pearl Odell, a native of Crawford county and a daughter of Jasper and Isabel Odell, who were pioneer people and staunch supporters of democracy in Crawford county. Her grandfather, David W. Odell, was the founder of Oblong and was the first postmaster, a position afterward filled by his granddaughter and later by her husband. Jasper Odell, the father of Mrs. Sheets, was a business man of Oblong throughout his entire life and the family has been most prominently associated with the development and improvement of the community. Mr. and Mrs. Sheets have one son, John Byron, who is a graduate of the Oblong high school and of the University of Illinois, where he majored in chemistry and won his Master of Arts degree. He also completed a four years' military training course while attending the university, was commissioned a major of the Reserve Officers Training Corps, became a brevet captain of the Illinois State Guard and is also a second lieutenant of the United States Reserves. He was married to Miss Myrl Fullen, an accomplished lady of Winston, and he is now associated with his father in the publication of the Oracle and other business interests. The family occupies an enviable position in social circles, and not only has Mr. Sheets been identified with all that has proved beneficial to the community along intellectual, material and social lines but has also taken active part in the moral development of the city through his membership in the Methodist Episcopal Church, in the work of which he has taken active part, serving as a member of the building committee during the erection of the fine new church edifice in Oblong.

CHARLES RENNIE HILL

Charles Rennie Hill, county chairman of the democratic organization of Vermilion county and well known in journalistic circles, has been connected with newspaper work since 1897. In 1912 he purchased the Rankin Independent, which he has since owned and published. Born in Montgomery, Alabama, February 23, 1877, he is a son of John W. Sterling and Mary (Beyers) Hill, the former a native of Stark county, Illinois, and the latter of New York City. They were married in Henderson, Kentucky, where the father was foreman for the Gould Construction Company. He was afterward transferred to Keithsburg, Illinois, and then went to Paxton, where his father was engaged in the carriage manufacturing business. John W. S. Hill took up that line of business with his father and continued therein until his death in 1912. His widow survived him for sixteen years, passing away in 1928.

Charles R. Hill, their only child, obtained his early education in the grade schools of Paxton and following the removal of the family to Paducah, Kentucky, he there completed his high school course, being graduated in 1897. He next took up newspaper work in Paducah and when in 1899 the parents returned to Paxton, Illinois, he came to Rankin and accepted employment in the hardware store of Robert Sloan, his uncle. When Mr. Sloan sold the business in 1910,

Mr. Hill stayed with the new owner, continuing until 1912, when he purchased the Rankin Independent, which he has since published, making it one of the strong journals of eastern Illinois.

Mr. Hill has always been active in politics, as was his father, and his close connection with the party dates back to the days of Grover Cleveland, for whom he had a great admiration, although he was not old enough to vote at that time. He has always believed in the Cleveland doctrines and has staunchly advocated the policy outlined by the Buffalo lawyer who became president. Mr. Hill cast his first vote for William Jennings Bryan in 1900. In 1904 he was elected city clerk of Rankin and filled the office for one term. In 1909 he was elected town clerk of Butler township and at the expiration of his present term will have occupied the office for twenty-five years, a fact indicative of his high standing as a citizen and the personal regard in which he is held in a township which has a 2 to 1 republican majority. During this period Mr. Hill was also a candidate for county judge. In the year 1930, Mr. Hill was the democratic choice for Congress and even in this strong republican district, just lacked about eight thousand votes of being elected to this important office. In 1934 he was elected county chairman of the democratic organization of Vermilion county and in August of the year 1933, was appointed inspector of the four counties of Kankakee, Iroquois, Edgar and Vermilion in the department of conservation.

On the 7th of September, 1904, Mr. Hill was united in marriage to Miss Irene Sloan, daughter of James and Matilda (Simpson) Sloan, of Vermilion county, Illinois. James Sloan, a farmer by occupation, passed away in January, 1904, being survived for more than twelve years by his wife, whose death occurred in July, 1916. Mr. and Mrs. Hill have one son, Charles Dean Hill, who is associated with his father in the newspaper business as manager of the Rankin Independent.

Faternally Mr. Hill is a Mason and is now past master of Rankin Lodge, No. 725, A. F. & A. M. He likewise belongs to Danville Consistory, S. P. R. S., and to the Modern Woodmen of America, but his party activity takes up the major portion of his time. He has seen a marked change in the political complexion of his community. In precinct no. 2 of Butler township, the only precinct that went democratic in the spring primaries of 1934, the democratic vote increased from one hundred and seventy to four hundred and five, and no doubt Mr. Hill was largely responsible. He carried the precinct for Horner by a fair majority and he has done most effective work in advancing the interests of democracy in Vermilion county.

EDWARD J. McCABE

Edward J. McCabe, representative for Illinois and Iowa on the federal code authority of the wholesale alcohol industry in America, makes his home in Chicago and is also filling the office of assistant county treasurer. He was born in Chicago, January 19, 1891, his parents being John and Elizabeth (White) McCabe. After securing his elementary education in a parochial school of his native city he entered and later was graduated from St. Ignatius College. His preliminary business training was obtained as an employe in the Schoenhofen brewery, then located at Eighteenth street and Blue Island avenue. In early manhood he took a keen interest in politics and was first called to public service as a clerk in the city council, where his ability attracted the attention of the late Patrick J. Carr, so that when in 1914 Mr. Carr was elected a trustee of the sanitary district, Mr. McCabe became his secretary. The association was mutually so satisfactory that he remained with Mr. Carr when the latter became treasurer of Cook county in 1920. To the duties of that position Mr. McCabe gave his undivided attention through the succeeding six years, acquiring experience that was to prove of value when he was called

upon to act as secretary to Timothy J. Crowe for the years 1927 to 1929, when Mr. Crowe was president of the sanitary board.

Mr. McCabe returned to the county treasurer's office to act as secretary to the late Joseph B. McDonough, then occupying the major position. From 1930 until 1933 he was Mr. McDonough's secretary and then became assistant county treasurer, in which capacity he is still serving. He is one of the recognized leaders of the democratic party in Chicago, having entered upon a broad field of usefulness both as an official and as a party worker.

Mr. McCabe has not confined his activities solely to public office, however, for during the past five years he has been the only representative in the Chicago territory for the beers and ales made by the Kingsbury breweries at Manitowoc, Wisconsin, and has met with substantial success in carrying on this business. It was this line of commercial experience that led to his appointment as representative for Illinois and Iowa on the federal code authority of the wholesale alcohol industry in America, he being one of eighteen such representatives in the country. Mr. McCabe was also named chairman of the Illinois Wholesale Alcohol Distributors' Association and elected a director of the wholesale alcohol industry for the tenth regional district, comprising Illinois and Iowa, for which there are thirteen regional directors, ten from Illinois.

As a delegate from the sixth congressional district to the democratic national convention held at Madison Square Garden in New York city in 1924, Mr. McCabe participated in the famous Al Smith-McAdoo deadlock that kept the weary delegates in a battle of ballots for many days. He also represented his district at the convention held in the Chicago Stadium in 1932 and helped to make history in the nomination of Franklin Delano Roosevelt, which resulted in his election to the presidency of the United States.

Religiously Mr. McCabe is a Roman Catholic. He likewise has membership with the Knights of Columbus and the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks, and he seeks social relaxation as a member of the Butterfield Country Club. A staunch democrat, being an outstanding figure in the thirtieth ward of Chicago, in which he has handled his precinct successfully for many years, Mr. McCabe's life story is one of progress. Always holding to high ideals, the difficulties and obstacles which he has encountered have seemed to serve as an impetus for greater effort on his part and he will climb to higher responsibilities where he can in a wider sphere render to the state that valuable and faithful service which he can so capably accomplish.

ROLLAND M. WAGNER

Rolland M. Wagner, who was appointed assistant attorney general of Illinois by Attorney General Otto Kerner in February, 1933, began the practice of law in Quincy a quarter of a century ago and has since been a valued resident of this city. He was born in Liberty, Adams county, Illinois, July 27, 1885, his parents being Charles A. and Clara (Collins) Wagner, the former born in Cincinnati, Ohio, in January, 1854, while the latter is a native of Liberty, Illinois, and a daughter of Oliver H. and Laura (Pond) Collins. Oliver H. Collins, born in Connecticut, came to Illinois about 1856 and located on a farm in Adams county, this state. Subsequently he embarked in the general mercantile business at Liberty in association with Charles A. Wagner, the father of our subject, being successfully engaged in merchandising for about twenty-five years. Politically he was an active supporter of the democratic party. Charles A. Wagner, his son-in-law, retired from the general mercantile business at Liberty about 1910 and has since superintended the cultivation of farming properties. He is an active worker in the local ranks of the democratic party, while his religious faith is indicated by his membership in the Presbyterian Church, in the work of which he takes a helpful part. Charles A. and Clara Wagner are the parents of six children, as follows: Nellie, the wife of John Y.

Lawless, of Coatsburg, Illinois; Herman T., of Waterloo, Iowa, who has served as sheriff of Black Hawk county, that state, for seven terms, being elected on the republican ticket; Rolland M., of this review; Edna, the wife of LeRoy Meyer, of Paloma, Illinois; Clinton, also a resident of Paloma, Illinois; and Hazel, the wife of Gilbert B. Seehausen, of Chicago.

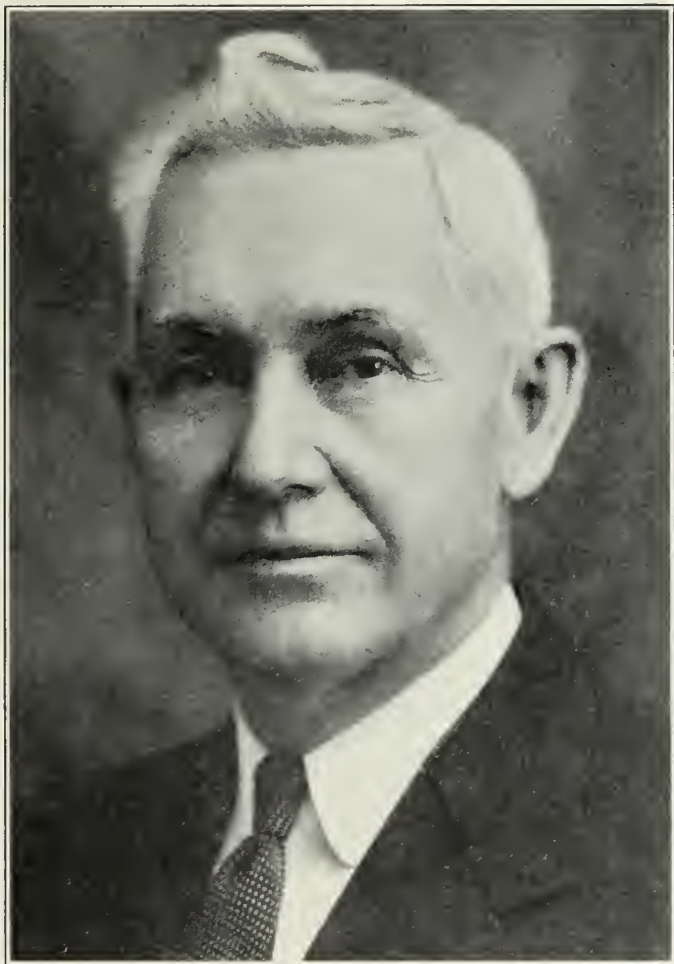
Rolland M. Wagner acquired his early education in the public schools of Liberty, Illinois, and subsequently pursued courses of study in the literary and law departments of the University of Michigan at Ann Arbor. He completed his professional training at the Northwestern University School of Law in Chicago, from which he was graduated in 1909, and the same year he began the practice of law in Quincy, where he has maintained an office to the present time and has been accorded an extensive and gratifying clientele. From 1914 to 1918 he served as assistant state's attorney under Fred G. Wolf, now circuit judge of the eighth judicial district, and during the eight-year period between 1914 and 1922 he was secretary of the Adams county democratic central committee. He was a member of the Fiftieth and Fifty-first general assemblies and was on the judiciary and the fish and game committees. While there he was an exponent of drainage legislation which has greatly benefited his district. He served as master in chancery of Adams county from 1924 to 1926, and on the 1st of February, 1933, he entered upon the duties of his present position as assistant attorney general of Illinois by appointment of Hon. Otto Kerner. He has attended practically all state conventions of the democratic party and has long enjoyed high standing as a leading lawyer and public official of his native county.

On the 19th of November, 1919, Mr. Wagner was united in marriage to Miss Ada Kespohl, daughter of Julius and Frederica Kespohl. He is a consistent member of the Presbyterian Church and fraternally is affiliated with the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks and with the Masonic bodies, in which he has attained the thirty-second degree of the Scottish Rite. He also belongs to the Quincy Turners and is a popular member of the Quincy Country Club.

HARDY MAXEY SWIFT, M. D.

Dr. Hardy Maxey Swift, an active worker in the local ranks of the democratic party since boyhood, has been a successful representative of the medical profession in Jefferson county during the past four decades and since the year 1909 has specialized in obstetrics, maintaining an office in Mount Vernon. He was born in Jefferson county, Illinois, August 29, 1871, his parents being James Monroe and Drucilla (Maxey) Swift, who were also natives of this state, the latter born in Jefferson county. Her father, Charles Hardy Maxey, came to Jefferson county, Illinois, from Tennessee in the spring of 1818, prior to statehood, and located on a tract of land two and one-half miles north of Mount Vernon, where he became a pioneer farmer. The paternal grandparents of Dr. Swift came to Illinois from Tennessee in 1820, the grandfather being one of the early pioneers who hauled merchandise by team between Jefferson county, this state, and St. Louis, Missouri.

After leaving school James Monroe Swift was associated with his father in business until the outbreak of the Civil war, when he enlisted in the One Hundred and Tenth Illinois Infantry, with which he participated in many hotly contested engagements, being wounded three times. He held the rank of quartermaster sergeant and he went with Sherman on the march from Atlanta to the sea. Following the cessation of hostilities between the north and the south he returned to Jefferson county, Illinois, and established a general store at Hams Grove, which was later destroyed by fire. Mr. Swift then came to Mount Vernon, where he was employed as clerk for a time and eventually opened an establishment of his own, called the Farmers Store, which met destruction in



DR. HARDY M. SWIFT

the cyclone of 1886. Thereafter he engaged in clerking until illness overtook him, and following his recovery he continued in clerical work until his retirement from active life. Politically he was always a loyal supporter of the democratic party. He served as road commissioner and was also a member of the district school board for many years.

Hardy M. Swift acquired his early education in the grade and high schools of Mount Vernon and subsequently entered Ewing Academy of Ewing, Franklin county, Illinois. His father's financial misfortunes, due to the loss of his business by fire, made it necessary for him to discontinue his college training and begin providing for his own support. He sold patent medicine in Illinois for a period of three years and then in 1883 entered the Physio Medical School of Indiana, from which he was graduated with the M. D. degree in 1895. He began the practice of his chosen profession in Opdyke, Jefferson county, there remaining for eleven years. On the expiration of that period, in 1906, he came to Mount Vernon and purchased the Mount Vernon Hospital, which he conducted for three years, until 1909, when he sold the institution. During the past quarter of a century he has been engaged in the private practice of medicine and surgery, specializing in obstetrics.

Aside from his professional activities Dr. Swift has figured actively in political affairs. While a college student at Ewing he returned home at election time to vote the democratic ticket, which has always received his support. In 1911 he was elected mayor of Mount Vernon, filling the office for two years. In 1926, when the contest was taken out of politics, he was elected to the mayoralty on an independent ticket and two years later won reelection. He rendered effective service to the cause of education as a member of the district 80 school board from 1908 until 1910 inclusive. He has attended all local, congressional and judicial conventions of his party and has also been a visitor to several state conventions. A prominent member of the Jeffersonian Club, he was its president until he resigned March 16, 1934, to become a candidate on the democratic ticket for the nomination for state representative from the forty-sixth district, the nomination being accorded him and was elected November 6, 1934.

In 1894 Dr. Swift was united in marriage to Miss Mary A. Moss, daughter of Thaddeus C. and Elnora (Thomas) Moss, honored pioneers of Jefferson county, Illinois. Dr. and Mrs. Swift are the parents of a son and a daughter, namely: Harry Monroe, a farmer of Jefferson county, who married Mary Farthing, representative of a prominent pioneer family; and Thelma Blanche, who is the wife of Delbert E. Veatch, of Mount Vernon, Illinois. Mrs. Swift is a staunch democrat in politics and an active member of the Women's Democratic Club of Jefferson County and also of the Jeffersonian Club. Fraternally Dr. Swift is affiliated with the Improved Order of Red Men, in which he has filled all the chairs of the local lodge as well as the state offices and has recently completed a term of service as Great Sachem. He was elected a delegate to the Great Council of the United States, which is a signal honor, and he is likewise a member of the Modern Woodmen of America and of the Lions Club.

DR. OTTO L. SCHMIDT

Born in Chicago, March 21, 1863, the son of Dr. Ernst Schmidt and Therese Weickert, graduated from Central High School in 1880, and from the Chicago Medical College (later Rush College) in 1883, followed post-graduate work at the Universities in Wuerzburg and Vienna. His father, Dr. Ernst Schmidt, in 1879 was a candidate on the socialist ticket for the office of mayor and drew so many votes from the republican candidate, Abner M. Wright, that Carter H. Harrison, the candidate on the democratic ticket, was elected by a large majority. This constituted the initial step in the political advancement of Mr. Harrison, who five times served as mayor of the city.

Dr. Otto L. Schmidt received his first medical practice at the Cook County

Institute in Dunming, became consulting physician at the Alexian Brothers Hospital, the Michael Reese, and later at the Grant Hospital of Chicago.

Being of a studious mind, inherited from his illustrious father, Dr. Ernst Schmidt, who was known for his wonderful humanitarian ideas, Dr. Otto L. Schmidt became interested in the civic affairs of the city and early took the greatest interest in the development of civic institutions; he became a member of the executive committee of the Chicago Historical Society in 1899, member of the Illinois State Historical Library Board in 1912, President of the Illinois State Historical Library Board in 1923, which position he is still holding today.

He became chairman of the Illinois Centennial Commission in 1914 and carried the work through to the end of 1919. He became president of Illinois State Historical Society in 1916 and is holding that position to date.

After having been a trustee of the Chicago Historical Society since 1899, he became president of that Society in 1923, which position he held to the fall of 1927. Under his advice, the Chicago Historical Society acquired the celebrated Gunther historical collection.

During all these years he was known as one of the foremost philanthropists of the city, having an open hand for all who applied to him for assistance; he gave, as the saying goes, till it hurts.

He was interested in all institutes of learning and supported every movement in this direction that was developed at any of our higher schools of learning in the city and state, and even elsewhere.

Under his guidance, the German-American Historical Society of Illinois was organized, and while he was the real guiding spirit and backbone of that society, he first became its president in 1911, which position he still is holding. This Society has issued a Quarterly from 1901 to 1911, then a Yearbook since that time, which also became known as the German-American Historical Review and which has been recognized as a basis for research work in German-American history.

Under his influence, the publication of "The German Element in the United States" by Professor A. B. Faust of Harvard, was made possible by a prize offered by his mother-in-law, Mrs. Conrad Seipp.

Many other similar books were made a possibility by his actual and financial support. In every charity movement of the city, the name of Dr. Otto L. Schmidt is to be found; his work for the war sufferers and war victims of the World war will never be forgotten, and in that respect, his name is just as well known in Europe as in the United States. His activity in the so-called "Allen-Drive" here in Chicago carried that movement to the great success it achieved, not to mention his work in the activities of the German and Austro-Hungarian Aid Society here during the years of 1914 till the spring of 1917.

Among his historical associations, it must not be forgotten that he is a member of the Mississippi Valley Historical Association, whose president he was for one term, member of the Wisconsin and of the Missouri Historical Societies and some others.

One fact the Doctor takes great pleasure in pursuing, is yacht-racing and its development; so he became president of the Inland Lake Yachting Association as well as president of its forerunner, the Northwestern Regatta Association. He also is a member of the Chicago Yacht Club.

For his great humanitarian efforts he was honored by Northwestern University in 1920 by receiving an honorary degree of Doctor of Humanitas, and in 1932, by Loyola University he was honored in a like manner.

Dr. Schmidt married Miss Emma Seipp in 1891, having with her three children, Ernst C. Schmidt, Mrs. Alma (Wm. S.) Petersen, Chicago, and Mrs. C. Tessa (H. H.) Reese, Madison, Wisconsin.

Dr. Schmidt is a member of the following clubs and societies: City Club of Chicago, Chicago Athletic Club, German Club of Chicago, Chicago Press Club, Germania Club, Travelers Aid Society, German (Aid) Society of Chicago, the Medical Historical Society, the Institute of Medicine, and several others.

HUGH V. MURRAY

Hugh V. Murray, now states attorney in Carlyle, Clinton county, is a member of one of the staunchest democratic families of the state and has worked unremittingly for the success of the party through many years. His long period of service in his present responsible position is proof of his ability and his standing in the ranks of Illinois Democracy.

Hugh V. Murray was born in Carlyle, Clinton county, Illinois, September 2, 1870, and is a son of Matthew Peter and Mary Ann (McGaffigan) Murray. The father was likewise born in Carlyle, Clinton county, his own people having been natives of Ireland. They came to this country and settled on land now forming part of the loop district of the city of Chicago. Matthew P. Murray traded this land for a steamer and one hundred and sixty acres of land in Clinton county, Illinois, but two weeks later the steamer was unfortunately destroyed by fire, and he then came to Clinton county to look after his newly acquired land. Soon he began the study of law under G. Van Harbeche and later was duly admitted to the Illinois state bar. He became very active in democratic politics, and in 1883 was elected states attorney, which office he filled until 1896. In 1902, he removed to St. Louis, where he practiced until his death in 1919. He also served in Carlyle as city attorney and from 1896 until 1902 was master in chancery. Mary Ann (McGaffigan) Murray, his wife and mother of Hugh V., was born in Brooklyn, New York. Her father, a native of Ireland, came to the United States before the rest of the family and worked in New York until he could earn enough money to bring his family across the ocean. After this was accomplished, they all came west and settled in Illinois. Mrs. Murray died in the year 1901.

Hugh V. Murray attended the parochial schools of Carlyle and then took his advanced studies at St. Joseph's College in Teutopolis, Illinois, from which institution he graduated in 1889 with the Bachelor of Arts degree. For two years thereafter, he taught school in Clinton county, and then began the study of law in his father's office. He was admitted to the Illinois state bar in 1894, and in 1896 he was elected to the state legislature for one term. In 1897 he went to Chicago as assistant city prosecutor under Carter Harrison, and in 1902, when his father moved to St. Louis, he returned to Carlyle and was appointed master in chancery to succeed his father for the unexpired term caused by the latter's resignation. Later Mr. Murray was elected regularly as master of chancery and served until 1908, in which year he tendered his resignation, as he had been elected states attorney, a position he has held ever since and in the discharge of the duties of which he has won wide approbation and praise. He has always been an earnest supporter of the democratic party, both in activities and contributions. He attends many state conventions, both in activities and contributions. He attends many state conventions, both as a delegate and as a visitor; he attends all county, congressional, and judicial conventions, and has always stumped the county in support of the whole democratic ticket.

In 1904 occurred the marriage of Hugh V. Murray and Miss Mary Ellen Hogan, a daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Michael Edward Hogan, natives of Illinois. Mr. and Mrs. Murray have become the parents of four children. Mary Ellen, the oldest, is a graduate of the local schools and of Washington University in St. Louis. Hugh V., Jr., second in order of birth, is a graduate of the parochial schools and received his Bachelor of Arts degree from Holy Cross College of Massachusetts. In 1932 he graduated from Harvard with the Bachelor of Law

degree, and is now practicing his profession in Centralia, Illinois. Matthew Edward, third of the children, also received a Bachelor of Arts degree from Holy Cross and is now a student at the Harvard Law School. Mary Ann, youngest of the family, finished the local parochial schools and is at present attending Manhattan College in New York.

In his religious faith, Mr. Murray is a Roman Catholic, being a communicant of St. Mary's Church. He is a member of the Knights of Columbus, in which order he is a Past Grand Knight, and he belongs to the Modern Woodmen of America, the Rotary Club, and the Clinton County, Illinois State, and the American Bar Associations.

WARREN E. BROCKHOUSE

In the thorough organization of the democratic party in Illinois, Warren E. Brockhouse plays a part, in that he is chairman of the Morgan county democratic central committee. His ability as an organizer and worker is well known in this connection. He makes his home in Concord, where he was born July 9, 1904, a son of Alfred G. and Frances (Eagan) Brockhouse. The mother was born in Chapin, Illinois, February 17, 1877. The father's birth occurred in Concord, this state, August 19, 1876, and he has devoted his life to farming and to the raising and feeding of live stock, being regarded as one of the representative agriculturists of his community. He has taken an active part in democratic politics and has attended many state conventions.

The youthful days of Warren E. Brockhouse were spent in the usual manner of the farm-bred boy who divides his time between the work of the fields and the duties of the schoolroom. The public school system of Morgan county accorded him his early opportunity to master the elementary branches of learning and later he had the benefit of instruction in the Tennessee Military Institute at Sweetwater, Tennessee. When his textbooks were put aside he resumed the work of the fields and is now living on a farm near Concord, where he owns an excellent tract of land that he has brought under a high state of cultivation. His methods of farming are thoroughly progressive and his prosperity is well merited.

On the 19th of July, 1925, Mr. Brockhouse was married to Miss Frances Brooks, a daughter of Rose Brooks, of Pittsfield, Illinois. The two children of this marriage are Warren Brooks and John William. Mr. and Mrs. Brockhouse hold membership in St. Paul's Lutheran Church at Chapin. From an early age he has been actively interested in political campaigns and has always supported the democratic party, his continued study of its principles convincing him more and more strongly that he has no need to change his party allegiance. In 1932 he was elected a member of the Morgan county democratic central committee from the Concord precinct and in 1934 was re-elected without opposition and was chosen chairman of the county committee, so that as its chief executive officer he is guiding the destinies of the party in this section. He believes in thorough organization and has brought about effective team work among the representatives of the various precincts, so that the strength of the party in Morgan county is being continually augmented.

LOUIS E. OHLER

The circuit clerk of Henderson county is Louis E. Ohler, of Oquawka, who is an outstanding figure in democratic circles, having been active in party work since attaining his majority. He was born in Henderson county, Illinois, April 9, 1888, a son of Levi E. and Caroline (Pape) Ohler. The father's birth occurred in Frederick, Maryland, in 1848 and his life record covered the intervening years to January 28, 1908, when he passed away. He followed farming in Rozetta township, Henderson county, for many years and his sterling worth as a citizen was widely acknowledged. He was a member of the Presbyterian Church of Kirkwood, in which he long served as an elder, and the cause of



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education found in him a stalwart champion during his thirty years' service on the school board. In politics he was a staunch democrat, active in local affairs of the party, and he served as town clerk of Rozetta township for a number of years and also as road commissioner. His wife was born on board ship while her parents were enroute from Germany to the United States, her natal day being November 1, 1846. She survived her husband for almost a quarter of a century, her death occurring in 1932.

Louis E. Ohler attended the public schools of Rozetta township and was a pupil in Knox College at Galesburg, where he pursued a preparatory and a college course, completing the latter by graduation with the class of 1909. The following year he was connected with the census division of the department of labor and he afterward spent two years in the employ of Sears Roebuck & Company at Chicago as complaint adjuster. From 1912 until 1932 he engaged in farming in Rozetta township and was then called to public office, establishing his home in Oquawka.

On the 23d of December, 1922, Mr. Ohler was united in marriage to Miss Gretchen Pease and they are the parents of two sons, Stephen and John. The religious faith of the family is that of the Presbyterian Church. Mr. Ohler is a member of Phi Delta Theta, a social college fraternity which he joined while a student at Knox. Fraternally he is a Mason and is also connected with the Eastern Star. Both Mr. and Mrs. Ohler are very active in democratic circles. The latter was appointed committeewoman of Henderson county and served from 1932 until 1934 and in other ways has assisted in party work. Mr. Ohler has been active in the party since age conferred upon him the right of franchise and in 1926 he was elected precinct committeeman of Rozetta township, filling the office for two years. In 1932 he was elected circuit clerk of Henderson county and is the present incumbent in the position, in which he is making a record that has won for him the trust, confidence and commendation of the general public.

BENJAMIN PHILLIP ALSCHULER

The name of Benjamin Phillip Alschuler is outstanding in democratic circles and also in the commercial and legal fields, for he is a well known attorney and business man of Aurora. Here he has spent practically his entire life. He was born in this city on the 8th of November, 1876, his parents being Jacob and Caroline (Stiefel) Alschuler. He attended the East Aurora high school, from which he was graduated in 1894, and in preparation for a professional career he became a law student in the offices of his brother, Samuel Alschuler, and J. C. Murphy. After thorough preliminary reading and study he was admitted to the bar in 1899 and throughout the intervening years has continued in active practice, being a well known, prominent and successful attorney of his native city. He has also entered the commercial and industrial circles of Aurora as vice president, director and counsel of the Western United Gas & Electric Company, as vice president and director of The Copley Press, Inc., and as director of the Aurora Beacon Publishing Company, the Joliet Printing Company and the Elgin Courier News. It is characteristic of Mr. Alschuler that he carries forward to successful completion whatever he undertakes and at all times is actuated by a progressive spirit.

On the 28th of March, 1900, Mr. Alschuler was united in marriage to Miss Lillian R. Reinheimer and they are the parents of two sons and a daughter, namely: Jacob E., Mrs. Corinne A. Weil and Samuel.

In politics Mr. Alschuler has been a lifelong democrat and an active participant in all party campaigns for the past thirty-five years. He was judge of the state court of claims during the administration of Governor Dunne and in 1932 was a delegate at large to the democratic national convention which nominated Franklin D. Roosevelt. He has attended numerous state conventions and was the democratic nominee for congress in his district in 1902. Fraternally

he is a Mason, belonging to Jerusalem Temple Lodge No. 90, A. F. & A. M., and he also has membership in Aurora Lodge No. 705, B. P. O. E., while along more strictly social lines he is connected with the Aurora Country Club and the Union League Club of Chicago.

JOHN ANDREW BARBER

John Andrew Barber, one of the representative members of the Illinois bar who has specialized in his practice in probate and chancery law and who is the legal representative of many important corporations, is the senior partner in the firm of Barber & Barber of Springfield, his associate being his brother, Clayton J. Barber. A native of Sangamon county, Illinois, he was born October 30, 1870, a son of Andrew Jackson and Margaret (Lake) Barber. His maternal grandfather was one of the pioneers of Sangamon county, where he established his home in 1826. Andrew J. Barber arrived in Illinois from Virginia in 1869, having previously served for four years in the Confederate Army, attaining the rank of major in the Army of Northern Virginia, in what was called the Stonewall Brigade. Feeling ran very high still at the time when he came to Illinois, but he soon won the confidence and goodwill of the people, and the family has long maintained a position of prominence in Sangamon county.

John A. Barber supplemented his public school education, acquired in his native county, by a study in Whipple Academy at Jacksonville, Illinois, from which in due time he was graduated. He also completed his college course in the Illinois College at Jacksonville in 1894 and in 1897 was graduated from the Northwestern University Law School, having previously determined upon law practice as his chosen life work. Returning to Springfield, he became associated in July, 1897, with Samuel D. Scholes, a partnership that was maintained until 1905, when he entered into his present professional relationship with his brother, Clayton J. Barber. John A. Barber has specialized in probate and chancery law and his firm has been the representative of many large corporations, including the International Harvester Company of America, the Chicago & North Western Railway, the Northwestern Mutual Life Insurance Company, the First-Trust Joint Stock Land Bank of Chicago, five Sangamon county banks, two building and loan associations and the Springfield Sanitary District. His firm also represents the Fidelity & Deposit Company of Maryland as well as a number of local corporations not previously mentioned. He is a member of the Illinois State Bar Association and the American Bar Association.

Mr. Barber was married in 1897 to Miss Harriet Van Meter. They hold membership in the First Methodist Episcopal Church, taking an active part in its work. Mr. Barber has been president of the board of trustees and teacher of the men's Bible class for twenty-five years. He finds recreation in pitching horseshoes and in bowling and is also a baseball and football fan. Fraternally he is a Mason, with membership in Van Meter Lodge, No. 762, A. F. & A. M., at Athens, Illinois. He also belongs to the Royal Arch chapter, to Ellwood Commandery, No. 6, K. T., Springfield Consistory and Ansar Temple of the Mystic Shrine. He is a life member in Springfield Lodge, No. 158, B. P. O. E., and is a Knight of Pythias. The Rotary Club of Springfield numbers him among its most faithful members, for he has never missed a meeting in twenty-one years. He has been vice president of the Chamber of Commerce and belongs to the Sangamo Club, Springfield University Club and the Springfield Automobile Club, which he has also served as vice president. In his political views he has always been a stalwart democrat and in 1916 was elected to the Sangamon county board of supervisors. He had previously served as president of the Springfield Park Board and has been a member of the Springfield Board of Education and the Springfield Chamber of Commerce. He has also been a committeeman and has been a delegate to various local and state conventions.

The breadth and nature of his interests indicate not only his professional prominence but also his leadership along many lines, his fellow townsmen placing value upon his sound judgment and progressive citizenship.

JACOB E. ALSCHULER

Jacob E. Alschuler, attorney at law practicing in Aurora, is a native of this city, his birth having here occurred July 9, 1902. While spending his youthful days in the home of his parents, Benjamin P. and Lillian R. Alschuler, he attended the East Aurora public schools and later continued his education in the University of Wisconsin, from which he was graduated with the Bachelor of Arts degree in 1923. He prepared for the bar as a student in the University of Chicago and gained his J. D. degree in 1926. Since that time he has engaged in active law practice and has made steady progress in his profession by reason of his comprehensive understanding of legal principles and his ability to apply these principles to the points in litigation.

On the 11th of January, 1927, in Chicago, Mr. Alschuler was married to Miss Carolyn A. Strauss and they are the parents of two children, Rosalie Corinne and Benjamin P. Alschuler (II).

Mr. Alschuler's college fraternity is the Zeta Beta Tau. He is also identified with the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks, the Loyal Order of Moose and the B'nai B'rith. He is likewise well known in club circles, having membership in the Union League Club of Aurora, the Aurora Country Club, the Riverside Club of Elgin and the Iroquois Club of Chicago. The last named connection is indicative of his political faith. He has always voted with the democratic party and from 1932 until 1934 was chairman of the Kane county democratic central committee, while for the same two-year period he was precinct committeeman. He never fails to give stalwart allegiance to the party, and at the same time he is recognized as an able and competent lawyer, always loyal to the interests of his clients.

FRANK L. HAYES

Frank L. Hayes, vice chairman of the democratic county committee of Lake county, resides at 1214 North avenue in Waukegan. Chicago claims him as a native son. He was born April 16, 1897, his parents being John E. and Mary (Conoboy) Hayes. The father was born in Chicago and was one of the founders of the Chicago Hardware Foundry Company of North Chicago. He was a lifelong democrat, served as postmaster of North Chicago under President Wilson and for many years was a member of the Lake county central committee. His wife was a native of Beloit, Wisconsin, and died in 1902.

It was in that year that John E. Hayes removed with his family to Waukegan, where his son, Frank L., attended the South school. Later he was graduated from the Waukegan township high school and entered the University of Notre Dame, where he pursued a course in electrical engineering, winning his E. E. degree in 1920. During his college days he was very active in athletics, playing on the basketball team, was also a member of the track team and a member of the Glee Club. During the World war he served in the United States Navy, being trained at the Great Lakes station and becoming company commander. He was assigned to duty in connection with the Students Army Training Corps, which enabled him to continue his work at Notre Dame. When his college days were ended he entered the foundry of the Chicago Hardware Foundry Company and was placed in charge of the brass and aluminum foundries and of the sales and production. In 1930 he was made a director of the corporation and became a prominent figure in the industrial activity of the city.

Mr. Hayes says he inherited his democracy. He early became very active in party affairs and in 1934 was elected a member of the county central committee, of which he was chosen vice chairman. In the same year he was Lake

county campaign manager for David B. Maloney, candidate for congress. He became one of the original members of the Horner for Governor Club in Lake county and was appointed a member of Governor Horner's farm debt adjustment committee. In 1934 he served as a delegate to the democratic state convention in Springfield and he represents Illinois and Indiana on the national NRA board for all non-ferrous foundries, being one of the ten members in the entire United States.

On the 28th of June, 1924, Mr. Hayes was united in marriage to Margnerite F. Tuhey, of Chicago, and they are the parents of five children, as follows: Margnerite, Rosemary, Frank, John and William. The second named, Rosemary, is the survivor of twins who weighed one pound, ten and one-half ounces at birth and spent five months in an incubator. Her twin brother died. Mr. Hayes is a fourth degree member of the Knights of Columbus and is vice president of the Archdiocesan Holy Name Society. He also belongs to the Monogram Club of Notre Dame. He is greatly interested in the work of the Catholic Church and its subsidiary societies and at the same time he maintains a high place in business and political circles.

ELLEN M. ROURKE

There are few women of Illinois who have exerted a more widely felt or beneficial influence in political circles than has Ellen M. Rourke, successful attorney of Springfield, who is the secretary-treasurer of the Illinois Democratic Women's League of County Organizations. She is also president of the Sangamon County Democratic Women's Organization and for a number of years has been identified with the educational interests of the state as registrar and instructor of the Lincoln College of Law. She is a daughter of W. P. and Frances (Craron) Rourke. Her father was born in Ireland but was brought to the United States by his parents when only six months old, the family settling first in Wisconsin. There the grandfather owned and cultivated land but about 1852 disposed of his holdings in the Badger state and came to Springfield, Illinois. He then took up land in Sangamon county and engaged in farming until some time in the '80s, when he retired from active business life and established his residence in the capital city, where he continued to make his home until his death, which occurred about 1890.

W. P. Rourke, father of Ellen M. Rourke, took up carriage making in early life, serving an apprenticeship to the Booth Carriage Company and while with them mastering the trade. In 1873 he started in business on his own account in association with Thomas Dunn, and the firm of Dunn & Rourke operated at Ninth and Washington streets in Springfield for many years, Mr. Dunn retiring about 1898, at which time Mr. Rourke took over the entire business, which he continued to carry on until his death on the 12th of April, 1900, his widow afterward selling the plant. In young manhood W. P. Rourke had married Frances Craron, a daughter of James Craron, who was born in Scotland, whence he came to the new world as a youth of seventeen years. He settled first in New York, where he met and married Ellen Craron, who had come to the United States from Ireland with her parents some time in the '50s. Mr. Craron was employed as a bookkeeper by the Vredenburg Lumber Company, there continuing until the Civil war, when he volunteered, joining an Illinois regiment. He was killed in the battle of Shiloh. His wife afterward took up nursing and in 1873 she went to Nebraska and located a soldier's widow's claim at Kearney, but during the year of the grasshopper scourge she had to return to Omaha for supplies and during her absence a man jumped her claim and she lost it. Later she secured another claim at Rushville, Nebraska, and after proving up on the property returned to Omaha, where she resumed nursing, remaining a resident of that city until her death about 1894.

Ellen M. Rourke, the immediate subject of this review, was born in Springfield and attended the Lincoln school until she had completed the work of the



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grades, after which she entered the high school and was graduated in 1903. She next attended the teachers' training school of Springfield and was graduated in 1905. In 1916 she obtained her Bachelor of Arts degree from the University of Illinois and in 1921 her Bachelor of Laws degree from the Lincoln College of Law, having in the meantime attended the University of Chicago Law School during the summer of 1920. She passed the state bar examination in July, 1921, at which time she was filling the position of secretary of the Illinois State Civil Service Commission. Throughout her life she has devoted every possible period to promoting her own education and thereby increasing her efficiency, and in 1928 she attended the Northwestern University School of Speech. In October, 1933, the University of Illinois conferred upon her the Master of Arts degree. In the meantime she had filled several important positions and had won more than local renown in law practice. In 1922 she resigned from the Civil Service Commission and became an attorney in active practice with A. M. Fitzgerald. In 1929 she removed her offices to the Lincoln College of Law and she has done effective work as a teacher in that institution. Since 1924 she has been teaching public speaking and debate as well as giving instruction in law at the Lincoln College of Law, and she holds to high educational standards. At the same time she is accorded a good clientage and has been connected with important litigation in the courts of this district. She belongs to the local, the state and the national teachers' associations and is actuated by high ideals in all of her teaching activities.

Miss Rourke is also a prominent figure in democratic circles in Illinois. She became deeply interested in politics when Norman L. Jones was a candidate for governor and did much campaign work in his support throughout the state. Since that time she has labored earnestly and effectively for the democratic party and has done perhaps more than any other woman to organize party work among the women of the state. She became active in the democratic women's organization under the presidency of Mrs. C. B. Poole, who retired from that office in 1929 and was succeeded by Miss Rourke, who has continued the incumbent in the position to the present time, having been re-elected April 25, 1934. In 1932 she was appointed vice chairman of the county central committee and since that time has been instrumental in organizing a democratic group in every precinct. In September, 1933, she was very active in affiliating the county women's organization with the Illinois Democratic Women's League of County Organizations and up to the present time sixty counties have become represented in this league. The next annual meeting will be held in Springfield, when they hope to have representation in all of the one hundred and two counties in the state. The officers are: Mrs. Pearl Christman, of Shelby county, president; Mrs. Jane Sheehan Evert, of Jo Daviess county, vice president; Miss Bess Parrish, of Saline county, second vice president; Miss Mary Conover, of Peoria, third vice president; and Miss Ellen M. Rourke, of Sangamon county, secretary and treasurer.

Miss Rourke is also a member of the Springfield Women's Club, the American Association of College Women and the Sangamon County Ilini Club, and she and her family are communicants of the Immaculate Conception Roman Catholic Church. She has always been keenly interested in all those forces which make for higher ideals in citizenship and more effective service in behalf of the individual and the community, and today she is one of the best known and most highly esteemed workers among the democratic women of Illinois.

GEORGE HOLLOWAY WEBB

George Holloway Webb, a member of the Springfield bar, was born in Sedalia, Missouri, December 12, 1889, a son of David and Bell (Holloway) Webb, the former a native of Covington, Indiana, while the mother was born in Georgetown, Illinois. The family located in Covington when George H. Webb was five years of age, and he attended public schools there until his parents

removed to Danville, Illinois, in 1902, after which date he finished his grade and high school work in the public schools of Danville, graduating from High School in 1908. He attended Wabash College, Indiana, for one year, taught school five years, and studied law for one year in the Detroit College of Law. He was united in marriage on August 25, 1912, to Mariette McNaughton, of Detroit, who died on January 13, 1919. Of this union one child was born, Annabelle, now Mrs. Gillette Schienle, of Springfield.

At the outbreak of the World war he enlisted, on April 17, 1917, in Battery B of the First Illinois Field Artillery, a national guard regiment in which he had previously served in peace times. This regiment was subsequently re-numbered the One Hundred Forty-Ninth Field Artillery, light, and attached to the Forty-Second (Rainbow) Division; and in this regiment, as a member of the Headquarters Company, Mr. Webb served two years in the war, of which eighteen months were overseas; participating in all battles in which the American army was engaged; and being discharged at Camp Mills, Long Island, April 5, 1919.

Returning home, he resumed his study of law and was admitted to the bar of Illinois in October, 1922, at Springfield, where he had taken up his residence the previous May, and where he has since continued to reside. He was assistant secretary of the Illinois State Bar Association, 1922-1928; Secretary of the Federation of Local Bar Associations of the Third Supreme Judicial District of Illinois, 1922-1934; assistant city attorney of Springfield, 1923-24. Mr. Webb was united in marriage to Miss Anne Cutter of Lincoln, Illinois, daughter of Daniel W. and Marry Cutter, on June 26, 1928. He was a charter member of Curtis G. Redden Post, The American Legion, at Danville, and served as adjutant of this Post and later of Sangamon Post No. 32, The American Legion, at Springfield. He was commander of this Post for the term of 1932-33. He is also a member of the Masonic order, Thirty-Second degree, the Knights of Pythias, and the Disabled American Veterans of the World War. He is an active member of the Democratic party, and in 1934 he was elected to the office of Probate Judge of Sangamon county.

ROSCOE B. BLANTON

The development of the highway system of Illinois has been one of the most important features in the upbuilding of the state, and Roscoe B. Blanton is numbered among those who are now active in the service of the commonwealth as highway maintenance patrolmen. He makes his home in Galesburg and is well known through his public activities. A native of Brownsville, Kentucky, he was born February 5, 1889, of the marriage of James A. and Ruth (Luttrell) Blanton, who are also natives of Brownsville. Throughout practically his entire life the father has engaged in farming in Edmonson county, Kentucky, where he now lives retired, enjoying a well earned rest.

The public school system of his native state afforded Roscoe B. Blanton his educational privileges and he worked with his father on the home farm during vacation periods until he was eighteen years of age, when the spirit of adventure and an interest in the army led him to join the United States military forces in 1908. He thus served until 1911 and was on duty in the Philippine Islands for one year as a member of Company E, Nineteenth Infantry.

After receiving his honorable discharge from military service Mr. Blanton devoted one year to farming in Kentucky but in 1913 removed to Galesburg, Illinois, where he has since made his home. For three years he was associated with the Purington Paving Brick Company and afterward spent about sixteen years with the Illinois Power & Light Company, making an enviable record in business circles by his thorough reliability and trustworthiness.

On the 8th of August, 1933, Mr. Blanton was appointed assistant superintendent of the Illinois Free Employment Office in Galesburg and continued



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to act in that capacity until February 8, 1934. He has been a well known factor in democratic circles since establishing his home in Galesburg and in 1924 he was elected precinct committeeman, to which position he has been re-elected at each biennial period since that time. On the 25th of June, 1934, he was appointed by Governor Horner to the office of highway maintenance patrolman and is now serving. He had been elected constable for Galesburg township, Knox county, in 1929 and was re-elected in 1933. The following year he attended the state democratic convention as an alternate but served as a delegate.

In 1911 Mr. Blanton was united in marriage to Miss Eula Merideth and they are the parents of a son, William. Mrs. Blanton is an active party worker in democratic campaigns. Fraternally Mr. Blanton is connected with the Eagles, with the Improved Order of Red Men and with the Independent Order of Odd fellows. His activities and interests have chiefly centered in his business affairs and in politics, and no one questions his loyalty nor his progressive spirit in matters of citizenship.

ELMER MOHAN

Elmer Mohan, state's attorney of La Salle county, with offices in the court house at Ottawa, was born in Streator, Illinois, March 1, 1896, a son of J. L. and Lucy (Comisky) Mohan. The mother passed away August 21, 1934, being killed in an automobile accident. The father, who also has passed away, was a farmer by occupation and was a stalwart democrat who served as a delegate to local party conventions and was quite active in the local party work.

Elmer Mohan acquired his early education in the grade and high schools of Streator and received his professional training at the University of Notre Dame in Indiana, from which he was graduated with the degree of Bachelor of Laws in 1917. The same year he entered the military service of his country and was with the army until the war was over. In France he attended the Officers' Training School, but had not completed the course when the armistice was signed. He next became an assistant in the office of Butters & Clark, attorneys of Ottawa, but after three years entered upon independent practice in Streator. His work in the profession has been marked by steady progress. He has closely applied himself to his duties and his devotion to his clients' interests is proverbial. In 1930 he was called to the office of city attorney of Streator and occupied that position for two years. In 1932 he was elected state's attorney, which office he is now filling, having resigned as city attorney of Streator to accept his present position at Ottawa. He is a member of the La Salle County and Illinois Bar Associations.

In September, 1920, Mr. Mohan was united in marriage to Miss Ann Carr, a daughter of Robert Carr, a prominent attorney of Ottawa, Illinois, and they are the parents of three daughters, Marylou, Dauphine and Glorianne. The family are communicants of the Catholic Church and Mr. Mohan also belongs to the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks and to the American Legion, in which he has served as adjutant of the Streator post. He has a wide acquaintance in La Salle county, where he has spent his entire life and where he has made an excellent record both as a lawyer and as a public official. He was a visitor to the National Democratic Convention in 1932. Mrs. Mohan is active in the Democratic Women's organization and she served as treasurer of the La Salle County Jeffersonian Club.

MICHAEL ZIMMER

On the roster of those who have rendered official service in Chicago and Cook county and whose work has been of inestimable value to the state is found the name of Michael Zimmer, who has been warden of Cook County Hospital since 1917, and back of that was a record of efficient service as sheriff

of Cook county and as warden of the Illinois State Penitentiary at Joliet: His political activities and incumbency in public office, however, indicate only one phase of his career. He has long been recognized for his broad humanitarianism and idealistic principles, combined with his practical methods for their adoption. His interest in all movements for the uplift of the individual, particularly of the youth of the city, is well known.

Mr. Zimmer was born in Palos township, Cook county, May 26, 1864, a son of Peter and Catherine (Birren) Zimmer, both of whom were of European birth. Coming to the new world, his father studied political principles and conditions here and always voted with the democratic party. He arrived in Chicago in 1857, having previously learned the blacksmith's trade, and prior to the Chicago fire was an employe of the McCormick Harvesting Machine Company, and in 1861 removed to Palos township, where again he engaged in blacksmithing, carrying on business on his own account. In 1872 he returned to Chicago, where he remained until his death in 1896. He had long survived his wife, who passed away in 1869.

After acquiring his education in the public schools of Cook county, Michael Zimmer began working in the factory of the McCormick Harvesting Machine Company and afterward was employed by the Clark Brothers Furniture Company and later by the Story-Clark Organ Company. In the meantime he carefully saved his earnings until his industry and economy had brought him sufficient capital to enable him in 1891 to establish a grocery and market business on his own account. In this he remained until 1905, when he turned his attention to the insurance business, continuing his operations in that field until his election to the office of sheriff of Cook county in 1910.

This was not Mr. Zimmer's initial step in public office, however, as he had previously been elected alderman of the old tenth ward in 1899 and had served in that position until 1910, at which time the old tenth ward, through redistricting, had become the twelfth ward. Mr. Zimmer made an excellent record as sheriff during his four years' term and upon retiring from the office in 1914 he was appointed by Carter Harrison as comptroller of the city of Chicago, serving during the last months of the Harrison regime, after which he again entered the insurance field. In 1915 he was once more called to public office by Governor Edward F. Dunne, who appointed him warden of the Illinois State Penitentiary at Joliet, where he remained until May 1, 1917, when he resigned to accept the position of warden of the Cook County Hospital, an office that was offered him by Peter Reinberg, then president of the Cook county board. Seventeen years have since passed and Mr. Zimmer is still holding the position—a record which indicates unmistakably his fidelity to duty and his capability in the discharge of the multiplicity of tasks that devolve upon him. That he was most highly esteemed by the inmates of the Joliet penitentiary is indicated in the fact that after he had presented his resignation a number of the inmates gave to him presents which they had made for him in their spare time.

In 1890 Mr. Zimmer was united in marriage to Rose McConville, of LaSalle county, Illinois, who passed away in 1924. They were the parents of five children, as follows: Aliee; Ellen, who is Mrs. Eric F. Grundin, of Oak Park; Harry M.; Rose, who is Mrs. Henry J. Riggert, of Chicago; and Mabel, twin sister of Rose, who is the wife of Dr. Fuller B. Bailey, of Salt Lake City, Utah.

Mr. Zimmer is a member of the Knights of Columbus and one of the active workers of the fraternity, always serving as a delegate to its conventions. He is likewise a member of the Lions Club and is a past president of the Kiwanis Club, which presented him a shield commemorating his faithful service and signed by every member of the club. While his official duties claim the major part of his attention, he has always found time to aid in projects for the public good and has been an active member of the Chicago Plan Commission since its inception, serving continuously on its executive committee, while at the

present time he is one of the vice presidents. He has also been very active in child welfare work and was instrumental in having established the first school for crippled children in the city. This is the Spanlding School on the west side, which now takes care of more than nine hundred crippled children. The Boy Scout movement has long received his endorsement and cooperation. He was one of those who were active in organizing and maintaining a Boy Scout troop for dependent blind boys, this being a regular troop which does everything an able bodied Scout troop does except read. In politics Mr. Zimmer has always been a staunch democrat and is a leader in the German American Democratic Organization of Chicago. In fact he is called to leadership in connection with every movement with which he has become allied. He is strong in his ability to plan and perform, strong in his honor and his good name, and his influence has been a potent force for progress along many lines of civic upbuilding and development.

WILLIAM CHAMPION

William Champion, a well known banker of Granite City, who as county committeeman and as an official has contributed to democratic victories in Madison county, was born in Polk county, Iowa, July 3, 1869. His parents, William and Susan (Rodgers) Champion, were natives of England but came to the United States prior to their marriage. Settling in Polk county, Iowa, the father engaged in merchandising there and gave his political support to the republican party.

In his youthful days William Champion attended the public schools of his home community and afterward continued his education in Baker University of Baldwin, Kansas. In young manhood he became a telegraph operator with the Atchison, Topeka & Santa Fe Railway Company and as such was transferred to various points, finally being sent to Granite City, Illinois, where he continued to act as operator for three years. Prompted by a laudable ambition, however, he established a grocery store of his own in 1896 and conducted the business until 1908, when he sold out and entered the real estate field, in which he has since successfully operated. His identification with the Granite City Trust & Savings Bank covers a number of years, for he served as one of its directors before becoming its active president in 1926. As its chief executive he is now directing the policy of the bank, which is accounted one of the strongest and most stable financial institutions of this part of the state. In 1929 a fine banking room was built, which is the tangible evidence of the dependable plans and purposes of the institution.

Mr. Champion, however, has not confined his efforts entirely to his business affairs. He has been active along political lines, and although he was reared in a republican household, he became a democrat on attaining his majority, casting his first vote for the party. Always a recognized leader in party ranks and a liberal supporter, he did not ask for public office. However, in 1913 he was appointed postmaster of Granite City and served through both of President Wilson's terms. By popular demand of the patrons of the office he was re-appointed by President Harding and continued as the incumbent in the position for a total of thirteen years, during which time the business of the office was greatly increased and its efficiency promoted. He has served as a member of the Madison county board of review and as a member of the board of aldermen of Granite City, and his administration of the affairs of any office has always been businesslike and beneficially resultant. From 1912 until 1914 he served as a member of the democratic county committee and was on its executive committee. For the past thirty years he has been a delegate to all of the state conventions and is widely known to the leaders of the party, who recognize in him a foreeful and valuable worker.

Mr. Champion was married to Miss Minnie Krumsick, of Madison county,

Illinois, and they had one daughter, Minnie, who is now Mrs. Walter Kimbrough, of Berea, Ohio. After the death of his first wife Mr. Champion married Maud Stark, a native of Iowa, and they have a daughter, Mildred, now the wife of Dr. William L. Hanson, of East St. Louis.

Mr. Champion is well known in Masonic circles, belonging to the lodge, chapter, commandery and Mystic Shrine. He takes a most active interest in everything pertaining to civic welfare and was the first president of the Granite City Retail Merchants Association and also of the Granite City Commercial Club, serving for several years as president of the latter, while at this writing he is president of the Granite City Chamber of Commerce. When he came to Granite City there were only ten houses in the town and he is now the oldest living resident in years of continuous connection therewith. Much of the progress of the town is attributable to his efforts and sound judgment and his ability to gain the cooperation of his fellowmen. He always looks to the future, believing in working not only for present benefit but for the years to come, and his labors have had distinctive value in improving and upbuilding city and county.

JOHN E. BIRDOES

John E. Birdoes, who ranks as a successful business man of Peoria, where he has also been well known for a long period as a consistent worker in the cause of democracy, was born in Limestone township, Peoria county, August 12, 1896, and traces his ancestral record back through various generations. The family name, which is an unusual one, is supposed to have been originally a Norman-French name spelled Bordeaux and subsequently shortened to its present spelling. His grandparents were John and Margaret (Finley) Birdoes, the former a native of Ireland. Coming to the new world, John Birdoes served as a soldier of the Civil war, being a member of a New York regiment. Following the close of hostilities he removed west, settling on a farm in Limestone township, Peoria county, Illinois. Here his son, Daniel Birdoes, was born and reared, and after reaching adult age he wedded Margaret Wynn, a daughter of John Wynn, who was born in Ireland but became a resident of Bradford, Illinois. Mr. and Mrs. Daniel Birdoes had a family of seven children, of whom six are yet living, namely: John E., Thomas, James, Mary, Alice and Bernadine.

John E. Birdoes was educated in St. John's school and also attended the Mannal Training high school of Peoria. When America entered the World war he enlisted in May, 1917, in the Three Hundred and Eleventh Cavalry. After serving on the border he was transferred to the Field Artillery, serving as an instructor at the Field Artillery School at West Point, Kentucky, until his discharge in May, 1919. Following his return home he engaged in the insurance business and later entered the employ of the Light and Power Company, with which he remained until 1926, when he became a partner in the F. L. Hazen Company, who are distributors for the Frigidaire in Peoria county, having their headquarters with the Light and Power Company. Mr. Birdoes is in charge of the sale of this electric refrigerator, which is regarded as one of the best on the market. He is a wide-awake, alert and enterprising business man and his success is the direct outcome of his capability and close application.

In early manhood Mr. Birdoes was united in marriage to La Vina Westapher, a native of Tazewell county, Illinois, and a daughter of Albert and Ida (Hasty) Westapher. Mr. and Mrs. Birdoes are the parents of three children, Margery, Jack and Jean.

Mr. Birdoes is a member of the Optimist Club and is a fourth degree member of the Knights of Columbus. He became a member of the first Legion post, which was started by Dr. C. V. Ward, later joining Peoria Post, No. 2, with which he is still identified. His political allegiance is indicated in his



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connection with the Junior Jeffersonians. He was elected township clerk of Richwoods township, Peoria county, and he takes an active part in politics in that community but is content that his service shall be done as a private citizen rather than as an officeholder, his time and attention being fully occupied by his growing and important business interests.

LEIGH M. KAGY

Leigh M. Kagy, attorney and referee in bankruptcy at Springfield, with offices in the First National Bank building, was born in Salem, Illinois, March 15, 1901, a son of L. M. and Alice (Larimer) Kagy. The father was a native of Ohio but came to Illinois when quite young and entered upon the practice of law in Springfield, where he was well known by reason of his professional ability and also by his staunch support of the democratic party. He was appointed by President Wilson to the joint land commission and served for two years in Panama. During the World war he was a member of the local exemption board. He died October 10, 1921, and is survived by his wife, who was born and has always made her home in Illinois, now living in Springfield.

Leigh M. Kagy was a pupil in the schools of Salem until, having completed the high school course, he entered the University of Illinois, matriculating in the College of Law. He received his A. B. degree in 1922 and his J. D. degree in 1924. Since the completion of his course he has practiced in Springfield and in 1931 was appointed referee in bankruptcy by United States District Judge Fitzhenry. This position he is still filling. He has made steady progress in his profession and is a valued and well known member of the Sangamon County Bar Association, the Illinois Bar Association and the American Bar Association. He also belongs to the Odd Fellows and the Phi Beta Kappa. His political activity has always been a pronounced feature of his life and he is a member of the Roosevelt-Horner Democratic Organization, the Jeffersonian Club and the Sangamo Club of Springfield.

On the 2d of July, 1930, Mr. Kagy was married to Miss Mildred Shand, a daughter of R. J. and Mary D. Shand. Mrs. Kagy was born in Rockford, Illinois, but has spent most of her life in Springfield. They have one child, Sarah Elizabeth. The family attends the Presbyterian Church and Mr. Kagy is a member of the Mid-Day Luncheon Club, while his interest in the civic welfare and in the further development and progress of the capital is manifest in his association with the Springfield Chamber of Commerce.

WILLIAM W. REEVES

William W. Reeves, of Tuscola, who is an assistant attorney general of Illinois, was born in Douglas county, this state, December 23, 1870. His parents George R. and Nancy E. (Wilson) Reeves, were natives of Indiana and came to Illinois in 1865, settling in Murdock township, Douglas county, where the father followed the occupation of farming. He was always an earnest worker in democratic circles and he served for three terms as road commissioner of his township.

William W. Reeves acquired his education in the country schools and in the Illinois Wesleyan University at Bloomington, from which he was graduated in 1898 with the LL. B. degree. The same year he was admitted to the bar and began the practice of law in Tuscola, where he has since remained, devoting his time and attention to his professional duties. He not only practices in the local courts but also before the state supreme court and the United States supreme court, and is acknowledged one of the ablest representatives of the bar of Illinois.

In politics Mr. Reeves has always been a democrat and has worked earnestly for the party since 1892, in which year he was elected tax collector of his township. In 1898 he was elected a committeeman and in 1900 was made

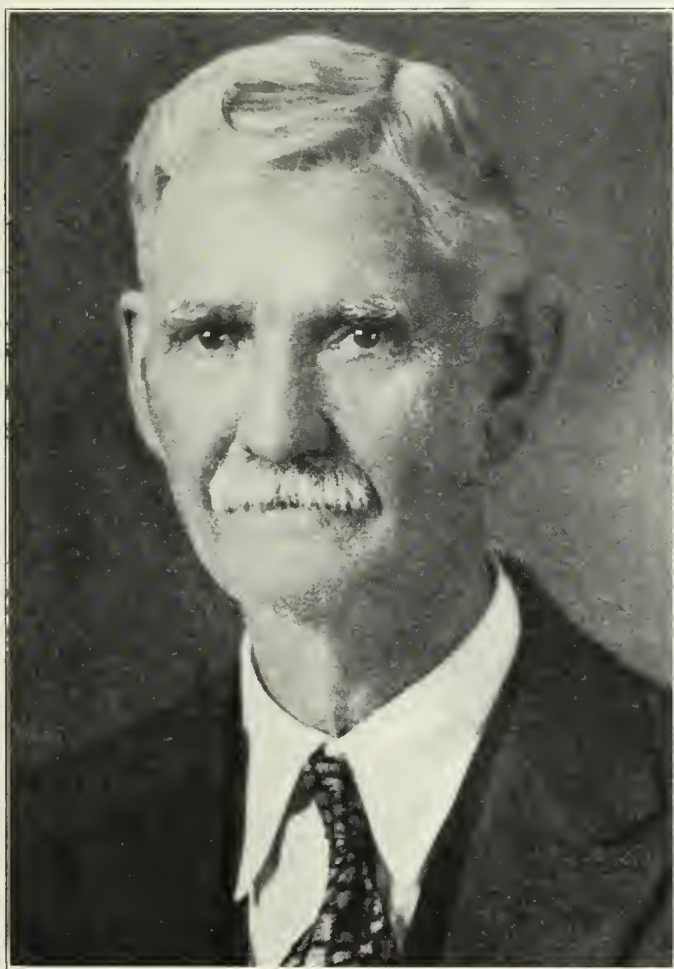
assistant chairman of the democratic central committee of Douglas county. In 1902 he was elected county judge and has the distinction of being the first and only democrat to serve on the bench in Douglas county. He was also secretary of the Douglas county central committee and in 1910 was elected chairman, serving until 1922, since which time he has labored for the party as a private citizen rather than as an officeholder. However, his law office has been used as democratic headquarters for over thirty years. In 1920 he was a candidate for state senator in the thirty-fourth district and in 1928 he was a candidate for congress from the nineteenth congressional district. For the past forty years he has attended all of the state, congressional and judicial conventions and he was senatorial committeeman of the thirty-fourth district for several terms and is chairman of the legislative committee of the nineteenth congressional district. He was a delegate to the democratic national convention held in St. Louis in 1916 and he is widely known to party leaders throughout the state. Governor Horner appointed him assistant attorney general in 1933 and he is now filling that office.

In 1901 Mr. Reeves was united in marriage to Clara Olney, a native of Ohio. Mr. Reeves is prominent in Masonic circles, belonging to the commandery and the consistory. He also has membership with the Knights of Pythias and his name is on the membership rolls of the Rotary Club, the Chamber of Commerce and the Banner Country Club, while along strictly professional lines he is connected with the Douglas County Bar Association, of which he is chairman, the Illinois State Bar Association and the American Bar Association. At all times he is careful to conform his practice to the highest ethical standards of the profession and he has gained the entire confidence and goodwill of his colleagues and contemporaries in the practice of law.

MORRIS EDGAR MILLER

Morris Edgar Miller, mayor of Mount Vernon, has been a lifelong resident of Jefferson county and has been an active supporter of the democratic party since attaining his majority. He was born on a farm three miles north of Mount Vernon, December 31, 1866, his parents being John H. and Nancy E. (Chastain) Miller, also natives of Jefferson county, this state. The Chastains came to this county from Kentucky in 1820 and here took up land under the old bid act at twelve and one-half cents per acre. The maternal grandfather of our subject taught school under the old conscription law, long figured prominently in educational affairs and held several minor public offices. The grandparents of Morris E. Miller in the paternal line also took up land in Jefferson county, Illinois, in 1820, and here their son, John H. Miller, devoted his attention to farming pursuits throughout his active career. Politically he was a staunch democrat. He passed away in 1870, being survived for forty-six years by his wife, whose death occurred in 1916.

Morris E. Miller attended the rural schools only at such times as he was not required to work on the home farm and afterward studied for one term in the high school and received his teachers certificate. He had a strong predilection for the medical profession, but he did not possess the funds necessary for college training. At the age of twenty he began farming for himself but a few years later came to Mount Vernon, entering the car shops of this city, in which he has been employed continuously to the present time. For many years he has held the position of assistant erecting foreman. Interested in politics from boyhood, he has always been an active worker in the local ranks of the democratic party. He was elected collector of Mount Vernon township, Jefferson county, in 1897, serving in that capacity for one year, and in 1910 was elected to the office of assessor. Since 1923 he has been a member of the school board and since 1931 has served as its president. In 1933 he was elected mayor of Mount Vernon, being the first successful candidate for the office on the demo-



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eratic ticket in twenty-two years, and he is giving the city an efficient, business-like and progressive administration. He has membership in the Chamber of Commerce, is affiliated with the Masonic fraternity and attends the service of the Methodist Episcopal Church.

In 1891 Mr. Miller was united in marriage to Miss Carrie Reyner, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Richard Reyner, natives of Canada. Mr. and Mrs. Miller have a daughter and a son, namely: Lula E., who is a graduate of the local schools and lives with her parents; and Roy G., a graduate of the Northwestern University Dental School of Chicago, who is now engaged in the practice of dentistry in Mount Vernon. The latter is a member of the Jefferson County, Illinois State and National Dental Associations and politically is an active democrat.

WILBER H. HICKMAN

Wilber H. Hickman, lawyer, Paris, Illinois, is a known member of the state senate from the twenty-second senatorial district. Born in Edgar county, Illinois, September 10, 1881, his parents being Henry and Mary Shuman Hickman. Henry Hickman was a native of Edgar county, but the paternal great-grandfather of Wilber H. Hickman was born in Germany and came to the United States, settling first in Guilford Court House, Carolina, and later in Virginia. The grandfather of Wilber H. Hickman came to Illinois and was one of the early residents of Edgar county. Cornelius Hickman entered land from the government and began farming, transforming the wild land into richly cultivated fields. His son, Henry Hickman, engaged in farming and stock raising in Grandview township. He was active in community affairs, served many terms as supervisor of Grandview township and was chairman of the county board several terms. He was a member of the building committee at the time the present courthouse was erected in 1891. Politically, he was an active democrat during his entire residence in the county until August, 1926, the date of his death. Mary Shuman Hickman, his wife, was born in Louisville, Kentucky, and came to Edgar county with her parents when young. She died in August, 1916.

Wilber H. Hickman attended country schools, Chicago high school, and Eastern Illinois State Teachers College, Charleston. He taught in Paris, Illinois, and Greencastle, Indiana high schools, and later attended Law School at the University of Illinois. After admission to the bar, he engaged in the active practice of law in the office of Frank T. O'Hair who was later elected congressman of the eighteenth district. In 1910 Mr. Hickman was elected city attorney of Paris, on the democratic ticket and served two years. In 1912 he was elected state's attorney for the four year term, and in 1916 was re-elected. During the World war he was special prosecutor for the government and active in various patriotic organizations. He is now a member of the Sons of the American Revolution and Civil Legion. Mr. Hickman has been chairman of congressional and judicial conventions and attended national, state and congressional conventions either as a delegate, alternate or visitor. In 1932 Mr. Hickman was elected state senator of the twenty-second district and is a member of the special investigating committee appointed by the governor to investigate the Illinois Emergency Relief Commission. He is a member of the revenue committee and various other committees of the senate including committee on drainage, elections, judiciary, public utilities, public welfare, roads and highways, transportation and aviation, and World's Fair. His work in the senate is outstanding.

In 1913 Mr. Hickman was united in marriage to Elma Dick, of Philo, Illinois, a daughter of J. N. and Harriet Luse Dick and a representative of an honored pioneer family of Champaign county, this state. Mr. Hickman belongs to the Masonic fraternity, in which he has attained high rank as is indicated by the fact that he has membership in Ansar Temple of the Mystic Shrine at

Springfield, Illinois. He is likewise a life member of the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks; active in work of Chamber of Commerce, and agricultural problems, which connections indicate his intense and helpful interest in civic welfare and community upbuilding. He likewise belongs to the Edgar County and the Illinois State Bar Associations and at all times lives up to the highest ethical standards of the profession.

JOHN M. PFEIFER

John M. Pfeifer, a member of the Springfield bar and serving for the third term as master in chancery, was born on a farm in Tazewell county, Illinois, September 9, 1870. He is of German lineage, his parents, John and Rosa (Dieterich) Pfeifer, both being natives of Germany. At the age of seventeen the father came to the United States and, enlisting in Peoria, rendered faithful service to this country in the Union Army during the Civil war. He followed the occupation of farming, in which he continued until his death in 1878.

John M. Pfeifer was but three years of age when the family removed to Logan county, Illinois, and following the father's death they came to Sangamon county, where our subject attended the district schools and later the New Berlin high school, from which in due time he was graduated. Taking up the profession of teaching, he was thus connected with the rural schools of the county for four years, after which he spent three terms as a student in the Illinois State Normal University at Normal. Coming to Springfield, he entered upon the study of law under the direction of James M. Graham and thus was associated with the firm of Graham & Miller and later with Palmer, Shutt, Graham & Lester in the capital city. Following his admission to the bar in 1902 he practiced alone in Springfield for two years and then entered into partnership with Roy M. Seeley under the firm style of Pfeifer & Seeley, since which time he has given his attention to professional activities save for the period that he has spent in public office.

In March, 1910, Mr. Pfeifer was appointed master in chancery by Judge James A. Creighton and filled the position until September, 1915. In July, 1927, he was again appointed by Judge Charles G. Briggie and was the incumbent of the office until November, 1929. His third appointment came in November, 1932, from Judge Lawrence E. Stone and he is still serving in that capacity, his record being one of unflinching fidelity to duty. Since attaining his majority Mr. Pfeifer has been an active democrat, always identified with the regular party organization. His labors have been an effective force in promoting its successes. He was secretary of the Sangamon county committee during the Bryan campaign of 1908, and the Wilson campaign of 1916, and chairman of the county committee during the Smith campaign of 1928. In fact he has been a member of the committee about one-half of the time since 1902 and has served as a delegate to many congressional and state conventions. He belongs to the Roosevelt-Horner Democratic Club and along professional lines has membership connection with the Sangamon County Bar Association.

GEORGE B. SUCHER

George B. Sucher, a veteran attorney of Peoria who began practice in 1892, and an old-line democrat, having supported the party since attaining his majority, was born in Granville, Putnam county, Illinois, March 16, 1865, his parents being Jacob and Catherine (Krebs) Sucher, both of whom were natives of Alsace, France. Coming to America, the paternal grandparents of our subject cast in their lot with the pioneer settlers of Du Page county, Illinois, and the Krebs family also arrived in this state in the early days, making settlement in the village of Downers Grove, Du Page county.

George B. Sucher was educated in Knox College at Galesburg and also read law in that city and in Springfield. He was admitted to the bar in 1892

and the same year opened an office in Peoria, where he formed a partnership with Lysander Cassidy, a connection that was maintained until Mr. Sueher was elected police magistrate. He afterward formed a partnership with Joseph Wilhelm and throughout a period of forty-two years he has maintained a high standing at the Peoria bar. He has always prepared his cases with great thoroughness and care and his presentation of a cause has ever been clear, logical and convincing. Moreover, he has ever held to the highest ethical standards of the profession and his colleagues and contemporaries at the bar entertain for him the highest regard. He belongs to the Illinois Bar Association.

Mr. Sueher's active support of democracy began in the days when there were few democrats in this section and he was one of a small group that was responsible for keeping the flares of the democratic party lighted when little could be expected in the way of personal privilege. In time, however, the party grew in numbers and in strength, and in 1904 he was elected to represent his district in the state senate. He has also served as city attorney of Peoria and both as lawyer and lawmaker has enjoyed an enviable position.

In early manhood Mr. Sueher was united in marriage to Clara Gunn, daughter of Luther and Emixaney Gunn, who came of old Vermont stock and took up their abode among the early settlers in Putnam county, Illinois. Mr. and Mrs. Sueher are the parents of four children, the eldest being Jacob, a graduate of the United States Military Academy at West Point, New York, and a captain in the regular army. Ralph Sueher, who attended the University of Wisconsin and who served in the World war, is a resident of Washington, D. C. He married Mary LaFollette, daughter of the elder Robert LaFollette, United States senator from Wisconsin. Robert Sueher, a newspaper man of Peoria, served in the Radio Signal Corps of the United States Army at the time of the World war. Bertha is the wife of Dr. Max Pollak.

Mr. Sueher is a member of the Masonic Fraternity, always loyal to the teachings and purposes of the craft, and as a man and citizen he holds high rank among his fellow townsmen.

RICHARD C. BELL

Richard C. Bell, editor and publisher of the Register-Republican at White Hall, utilizes his opportunities in this connection to further the interests of the democratic party. White Hall claims him as a native son, his birth having here occurred April 18, 1909. His parents, Harry E. and Stella (Chapin) Bell, were also natives of Greene county, and the mother still makes her home in White Hall, but the father is deceased. He was a school teacher in Greene county for many years and for several years was principal of the White Hall high school, after which he became county superintendent of schools. He had acquired his education in the local schools of Greene county and in a college at Dixon, Illinois, then known as the Northern Illinois Normal. He contributed much to the educational development of this section of the state and his standards of service as a teacher were of the highest. After his retirement from the office of county superintendent of schools he became owner and editor of the White Hall Register, a democratic paper. In 1917 he purchased the White Hall Republican and consolidated the two as the Register-Republican, continuing its publication as a democratic organ until his death in 1930. He was numbered among the leading journalists of the state and was honored with election to the presidency of the Illinois Press Association in 1926.

Richard C. Bell, who was an only child, pursued his education through the White Hall high school and then spent a year and a half as a student in Illinois College at Jacksonville, but the death of his father and also the death of the linotype operator on the Register-Republican made it necessary that he discontinue his college course and return home to take charge of the paper. Since that time he and his mother have been joint owners and Richard C. Bell acts as editor and publisher, continuing to issue the paper as a democratic organ.

On the 1st of July, 1928, Mr. Bell was married to Miss Helen A. Ballard, of White Hall, and they have two children, Richard Eugene and Donna Jeanette. Mr. Bell belongs to White Hall Lodge, No. 227, I. O. O. F., with which he has been identified since 1931, and he is now its treasurer. He has ever taken an active interest in civic affairs, is a director of the township library and has served as an officer in various local organizations having to do with the upbuilding and progress of the community. He has belonged to the Illinois Democratic Editorial Association since taking up active work on his paper and in February, 1934, was made secretary-treasurer of that organization. He was also president of the Jeffersonian Club from 1932 until 1934 and his work in this connection has been far-reaching and resultantly beneficial.

GROVER CLEVELAND NORRIS

The name of Grover Cleveland Norris, popular postmaster of Effingham, Illinois, may indicate to the reader that there were some democratic tendencies in the family which christened him. This is true, for his forebears, both paternal and maternal, were democrats of the staunchest character and his own loyalty and allegiance to the party is most authentic.

Grover Cleveland Norris was born in Watson, Effingham county, Illinois, December 3, 1885, and is a son of Stewart and Catherine (White) Norris. Stewart Norris was born in the state of Ohio, and when a young man enlisted in the Ohio Volunteer Infantry for service in the Civil war. After the close of hostilities, he came to Effingham county, Illinois, and settled in Watson, where he taught school for several years, while later he engaged in farming until his death in 1931. He was a democrat of prominence, as were his ancestors, and he held various township offices and was altogether a leader in his home community. In 1896 he was very active in the Bryan campaign. Catherine (White) Norris, his wife and the mother of Grover C., was also descended from a democratic line. She was born in Illinois, her father having settled in Effingham county in 1827, where he entered land from the government. She had three brothers who fought in the Civil war.

Grover C. Norris received his education in the public schools of Watson and in Austin College, and then taught school until 1905, in which year he entered the rural mail service. Later he was transferred to the position of railway mail clerk, and for a number of years subsequent was a city mail carrier in Effingham. He was appointed acting postmaster of Effingham October 23, 1933, and on March 7, 1934, this appointment was officially confirmed from Washington, D. C. The honor bestowed on Mr. Norris in this respect has been well earned, for he has been a faithful adherent of the democratic party for many years, and has given every effort within his power to help in its activities. He is a citizen of Effingham exceedingly well liked, owing to his honest, straightforward contact with his fellowmen and his public-spirited attitude toward local affairs.

Mr. Norris was married in 1905 to Miss Ida E. Arney, a daughter of Franklin and Elizabeth Arney, members of a prominent democratic family of this county. Mrs. Norris's grandfather was a soldier in the Civil war and her great-grandfather fought in the Mexican war. Mrs. Norris is herself a devotee of political affairs, is a member of the Effingham Women's Democratic Club, and has been very helpful during the campaigns in getting out the vote. To Mr. and Mrs. Norris there have been born the following children: Thelma, who is a graduate of the University of Illinois, and is now the wife of J. C. Stoll of Chicago; Emmet, who is a druggist in Waukegan, Illinois; Stewart H., Edwin, Chester, George, and John, all of whom are at home, and all growing into live democrats just the same as their forefathers.

Mr. Norris is a member of the Masonic fraternity, and belongs to the Illinois Postmasters' Association. He is prominent in the work of the Christian Church, and for five years has been at the head of a Sunday school class.



GROVER C. NORRIS

FRANK WEBSTER BURTON

The democratic party has ever found in Frank Webster Burton a stalwart champion and an intelligent supporter who is capable of basing his position upon a thorough understanding of party principles and platform. As a life work he has engaged in the practice of law and in its interpretation, and his analytical power has enabled him to readily combine legal principles with the points at issue. He served for many years as judge of the circuit court and is now living retired in the enjoyment of a well earned rest.

Mr. Burton makes his home in Carlinville and has been a lifelong resident of Macoupin county, his birth having occurred at Bunker Hill, October 8, 1857. His father, Henry W. Burton, was born in Pomfret Center, Connecticut, on the 14th of August, 1819, and became a resident of Illinois in 1840, settling at Woodburn, Macoupin county. He was a carpenter and followed that trade until he went to California in 1849, attracted there by the discovery of gold. He did not find the fortune which he sought, however, and early in 1851 he returned to this state, after which he engaged in retail merchandising at Woodburn. Following the construction of the railroad he removed to Bunker Hill, where he conducted a store and also engaged in the grain trade. In 1868 he was elected circuit clerk of Macoupin county and was re-elected in 1872, making an excellent record while in office, his incumbency covering eight years. He passed away June 28, 1904, having for thirty-two years survived his wife, who bore the maiden name of Cornelia Rider. She was born near Carrollton, Illinois, in 1826 and died in January, 1872.

After attending the public schools of Bunker Hill, Illinois, Frank W. Burton entered Blackburn University in March, 1869, and was graduated in 1876. With a broad literary course to serve as a foundation upon which to build the superstructure of professional knowledge, he took up the study of law in the office of Hon. C. A. Walker of Carlinville and was admitted to the bar in February, 1879. In June of the same year he began practice and has since given his attention to his professional duties. He has won the degrees of Bachelor of Arts and Master of Arts and the honorary LL.D. degree has been conferred upon him. He practiced independently for a number of years and in 1896 entered into partnership with Hon. Alexander H. Bell, a connection that was maintained until he was appointed circuit judge. Taking his place upon the bench, he presided over the circuit court until 1933 and his record was one which reflected credit and honor upon the judicial history of the state. He had previously held various offices in the line of his profession, having been elected city attorney of Carlinville in 1881 and state's attorney of Macoupin county in 1884. To the latter position he was re-elected in 1888, and in 1899 he was appointed master in chancery for a two-year term. In 1902 he was elected member of the house of representatives and served for a term in the general assembly, while in 1904 he was elected to the state senate and was re-elected in 1908. Twice he was selected as minority leader of the upper house and he did effective work in support of many projects of benefit to the state at large. In July, 1914, he was appointed circuit judge by Governor E. F. Dumm and was elected to the circuit bench in 1915, following which he was re-elected in 1921 and again in 1927, so that he served continuously as the head of the circuit court for nineteen years. The fairness and impartiality of his opinions, his comprehensive knowledge of the law and his earnest desire to do justice to all concerned made him an ideal jurist. Since the expiration of his term in 1933 he has lived retired.

On the 25th of November, 1880, in Carlinville, Judge Burton was united in marriage to Miss Anna Robertson, a daughter of Dr. William A. and Nancy (Holliday) Robertson. They became parents of two daughters and a son, but Nannette, the youngest, has passed away. Their daughter, Cornelia R., is the wife of Dr. H. T. Harris, of Basin, Wyoming, and they have a son who is now employed in the National City Bank at Sao Paulo, Brazil. Robert Burton, now

of Chicago, married Helen Gore Brown and with their three sons they now reside in Madison, Wisconsin.

Judge Burton is a member of the Masonic lodge, the Knights of Pythias and the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks and is an honorary member of the Sangamo Club of Springfield, Illinois. He served as secretary and afterward as president of the Macoupin County Fair Association and is interested in everything pertaining to the welfare and progress of his community. He was elected a director of the Carlinville National Bank at its organization and has been vice president of that institution for a number of years. His loyal support of democracy none has ever questioned. He was the secretary of the democratic central committee of Macoupin county in 1880 and was afterward elected its chairman, serving as such for a number of years. In 1908 he was sent as a delegate to the democratic national convention which met in Denver and he has been a delegate to a number of the state conventions, in which his opinions have carried weight, the councils of the party always profiting by his broad vision and keen insight into the questions and issues of the day. The cause of education has ever found in him a stalwart champion. He served as president of the school board of Carlinville in 1894, was treasurer and financial agent for Blackburn University for about thirty years and has been a trustee of the institution for more than three decades.

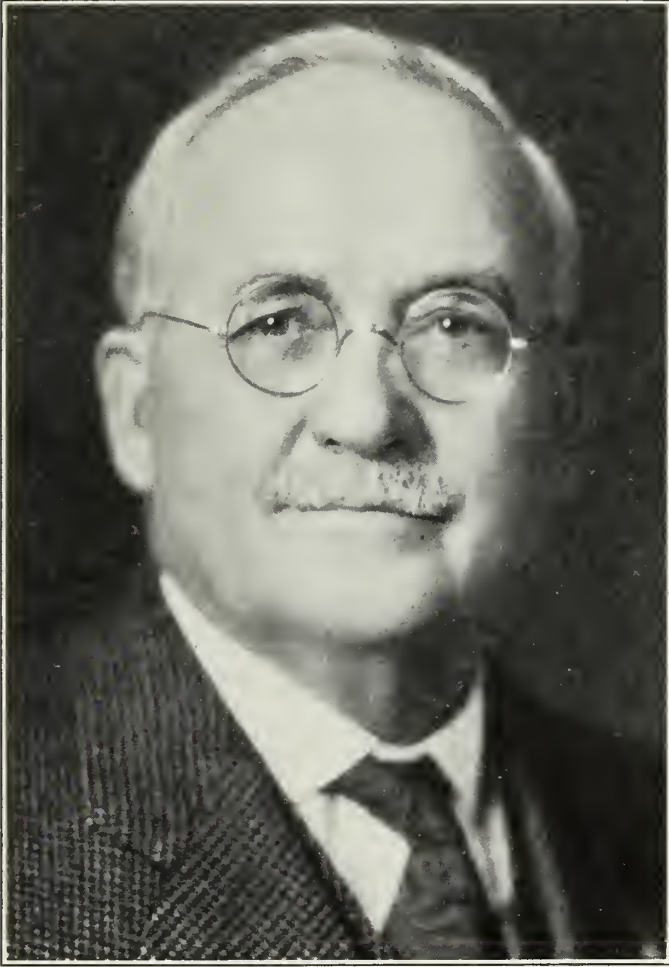
JOHN D. COOKE

The educational interests of Mercer county find a worthy representative in John D. Cooke, who is county superintendent of schools, with offices in the courthouse in Aledo. His life story had its beginning on the 25th of January, 1867. He was born near New Athens, in Belmont county, Ohio, his parents being Thomas and Vanceline (Downing) Cooke, both of whom died when their son John was quite young. The father was a practicing physician and was an active democrat.

John D. Cooke, having been left an orphan, came to Mercer county with his mother's maiden sister, and here he attended the public schools until graduated from the Aledo high school. He then took up the study of medicine, remaining for two years a student in Rush Medical College of Chicago. At the end of that time he abandoned his plan of becoming a physician and turned his attention to teaching and to farming. He taught for five years in North Dakota and twelve years in Mercer county, Illinois, but gave to farming the major part of his time, until 1922, when he was elected county superintendent of schools. He has since served in this position, covering a period of twelve years, and under his direction the schools have made steady progress. He has introduced many modern improvements in methods and in equipment and his efforts in behalf of public education have brought splendid results.

On the 30th of November, 1892, Mr. Cooke was united in marriage to Miss Amy T. Crabs, who was born and reared in Mercer county, Illinois. They became the parents of nine children, namely: Mrs. Ruth Burrows, a resident of Aledo, Illinois; Mrs. Hazlett Robison, of Joy, Illinois; George T., living in Chicago; Mrs. Lily Robison, who makes her home in Joy, this state; James H., of Chicago; John D., Jr., who is a resident of Elmhurst, Illinois; Paul C., residing in Oak Park, Illinois; Mrs. Amy T. Jackson, of Aledo, Illinois; and Mrs. Faith Primm, of Athens, this state. All of the above named are still living, but the wife and mother has passed away.

Mr. Cooke belongs to the Presbyterian Church. Reared in the democratic faith, he has never seen occasion to change his party allegiance. He has served on many democratic committees and has been delegated to help get out the vote on various occasions. He supports his position by intelligent argument, for he keeps thoroughly informed concerning the questions and issues of the day. The place which he has made in educational circles is an enviable one and has done much to maintain the high standard of the public school system of Illinois.



JOHN D. COOKE

PAUL RAY SMOOT

Recognition of his loyalty to the democratic party came to Paul Ray Smoot in his appointment to the position of postmaster of Petersburg, his appointment being confirmed May 31, 1934. He was born in Menard county, in the Sugar Grove precinct, east of Petersburg, September 11, 1883, and is a son of Charles E. and Tempe (Clark) Smoot, the latter still living. The father, born and reared in Menard county, was a minister of the Christian Church and a farmer. The paternal grandfather of our subject was W. C. Smoot, one of the pioneer settlers of Menard county, who followed agricultural pursuits as a life work and who was also at one time president of the First National Bank of Petersburg. In politics he was a stalwart democrat and filled the office of county sheriff. His son, Charles E. Smoot, followed in the political footsteps of the grandfather and consistently supported the principles of democracy.

Paul R. Smoot attended the public schools of his native county. He early became familiar with the work of the farm and has given considerable attention to agricultural activities. He also conducted a garage business and was inspector in the conservation department for about ten months but resigned to enter upon his present work. He became acting postmaster on the 15th of January, 1934, and received the regular appointment on the 31st of May following. He has been a member of the county central committee and was its secretary when he resigned. His efforts have been intelligently directed in behalf of the democratic organization, the teachings of which he has followed since attaining his majority.

On the 12th of October, 1904, Mr. Smoot was united in marriage to Miss Nellie L. Estill, who was born and reared in Menard county, Illinois. They are the parents of two daughters, Margaret and Mary. Mr. Smoot belongs to the Christian Church and to the Masonic fraternity, in which he has made steady advancement, becoming eminent commander of St. Aldemar Commandery, No. 47, K. T. In the work of the craft he is deeply interested and is a loyal follower of its teachings and purposes.

SEIGEL BARNETT HARDY

A man of wide interests, broad-minded and farsighted, Seigel Barnett Hardy of Eldorado is doing effective work for the democratic party in Saline county, where he is well known as the editor and publisher of the Eldorado Daily News. He was born August 28, 1897, in the city which is still his home, and is a son of William Lewis and Hulda (Barnett) Hardy. He completed the course in the Eldorado schools and then studied milling and baking technology in Chicago, Illinois, where he was graduated in September, 1917. His business today is that of a publisher and he has made the Eldorado Daily News a forceful and influential journal, now widely circulated. He has always made it an organ of the democratic party and his advocacy of any political measure is based upon a thorough understanding of conditions, while his presentation of a cause is always clear and logical. He has frequently attended county and state conventions and is well known to democratic leaders of Illinois. He is affiliated with the Jeffersonian Club and the Eldorado Young Men's Democratic Club, and he also has membership in the State Democratic Editorial Association.

On the 26th of August, 1919, in Decatur, Illinois, Mr. Hardy was married to Miss Velma Butler and they are now parents of three daughters: Helen Evelyn, Virginia May and Ruth Ellen. Mr. Hardy belongs to the Rotary Club and the Chamber of Commerce and is interested in all those activities and projects which have to do with civic welfare and municipal progress. In a word, he stands for advancement in all things that relate to the public good and is regarded as an influential factor in the life of his community and county.

JOHN H. RILEY

John H. Riley, who is now serving the state as field investigator of finance in the sales tax division, makes his home in Gallatin county, where throughout his active business life he has followed farming. He was born in McLeansboro, Illinois, August 1, 1882, and is a son of Thomas and Elizabeth (Barnes) Riley. He obtained a common school education in his native city and after his textbooks were put aside he concentrated his efforts and energies upon agricultural pursuits. His entire life has been given to the work of the farm and his place, situated not far from Equality, shows careful management and indicates him to be a man of energy and enterprise in the conduct of his business affairs. He utilizes improved methods of farming and his work is productive of splendid results.

On the 22nd of July, 1908, in White county, Illinois, Mr. Riley was united in marriage to Miss Mary Sank and they have become parents of a son and a daughter, Philbert and June Rose. The parents attend and hold membership in the Presbyterian Church and Mr. Riley has always been keenly interested in everything that pertains to the welfare and progress of his community. His political allegiance has ever been given to the democratic party since he reached man's estate and he has been an ardent party worker throughout the entire period. He has served as county committeeman of his precinct and he was a member of the city council of Danville, Illinois, from 1906 until 1916, this ten-year period resulting from several biennial elections, indicating his fidelity to duty and the effective work which he did in that office. He has also been deputy county coroner of Gallatin county since 1928 and he is now serving as field investigator of finance, his work having to do with the sales tax. In the capacity of delegate he has attended many state and county conventions and he does everything in his power to further the interests and promote the victories of his party because of his firm belief in its principles.

ELIHU NICHOLAS HALL

Elihu Nicholas Hall, superintendent of schools of Hardin county and a resident of Elizabethtown, was born December 8, 1870, in the county which is still his home, his parents being Nicholas and Margaret (Oxford) Hall. He pursued his academic course of study in the Oakland City College of Oakland City, Indiana, and then took a two years' course in the Southern Illinois State Normal University at Carbondale. He also studied in the Hayward Institute at Fairfield, Illinois, and was graduated with the Bachelor of Arts degree. Returning to Oakland City College, he was there graduated with the degrees of B. D. and M. S., and he afterward pursued a correspondence course in the Chicago Law College, winning his LL. D. degree. In early life he engaged in agricultural pursuits and still resides on a farm over which he has supervision. His has been an active and well spent life. In the educational field he has done effective work and is now serving for the third term as county superintendent of schools, making an excellent record in office, as shown by his own re-elections. In 1910 he was elected county judge and remained upon the bench for one term. In 1932 he delivered campaign addresses throughout the district for the candidates of the democratic party, and he has attended several of the county conventions.

Mr. Hall was married to Miss Ota Brownfield and they are the parents of four children: William Prentice, Geneva, Golda and Galena. He belongs to the Independent Order of Odd Fellows and his religious faith is that of the Baptist Church. His entire life has been actuated by high and honorable principles and the sterling worth of his character is recognized by all with whom he has come in contact. He is a broad reader and deep thinker and keeps in touch with the trend of progress, while in the field of his official service he is doing effective work in raising the standards of the schools and in introducing various improvements which are of practical value.

ROY PHIPPS

Hamilton county has usually been favored in the class of men who have occupied her public offices, for on the whole her political record is a clean one and the public business has been administered by men loyal to duty. To this class certainly belongs Roy Phipps, who is now filling the position of county clerk. He is drawing to the conclusion of a third term in office, covering a period of twelve years, and is again a candidate for reelection.

Mr. Phipps, who makes his home in McLeansboro, was born in Hamilton county, March 14, 1889, and has spent his entire life in Illinois. He is a son of John A. and Theresa L. (Allen) Phipps and during his youthful days, while living in the home of his parents, he attended the public schools. Later he had the advantage of a two years' course in the Southern Illinois State Normal University at Carbondale.

Mr. Phipps is widely and favorably known in his native county, where he has allied himself with progressive interests and with all those projects which make for the uplift of the individual and the advancement of community welfare. He belongs to the Baptist Church and to the Independent Order of Odd Fellows. Politically he has always been a democrat and has attended a number of the county conventions. In 1922 he was made the nominee on the democratic ticket for the office of county clerk and the election of November placed him in the position. For four years he served and was then re-elected in 1926. A second four years' term received further endorsement on the part of his fellow townsmen when in 1930 he was nominated and elected for the third time. Over his entire official record there falls no shadow of wrong or suspicion of evil. The work of the county clerk's office is promptly, faithfully and capably executed and the record which Mr. Phipps has made in office is one which reflects credit and honor upon his fellow townsmen as well as upon himself.

PETER J. CAVENY

Peter J. Caveny, of Carlinville, who has been county clerk of Macoupin county since 1930, was born April 9, 1888, in the city which is still his home, his parents being John and Margaret (Carmody) Caveny, also natives of Illinois. The father carried on farming in South Otter township, Macoupin county, and was active in public affairs, voting always with the democratic party. He held various township offices, serving as collector, assessor, supervisor and precinct committeeman, and he was likewise a member of the school board.

Peter Caveny attended the public schools of Carlinville and on leaving high school entered the employ of the Chicago & Northwestern Railway, with which he remained for nine years. He then became interested in the oil business with a group of associates in Carlinville, and in November, 1930, he was called to public office, being elected county clerk of Macoupin county. Almost four years have since come and gone and the record which he has made in office is one that will bear the closest investigation and scrutiny, for he has ever been loyal to his duty and prompt and faithful in the discharge of the tasks that devolve upon him. He was renominated for county clerk without opposition in April, 1934.

On the 7th of February, 1917, Mr. Caveny was united in marriage to Miss Mame McEvoy, a daughter of Michael and Elizabeth (Shannahan) McEvoy. The father is an active democrat, residing at Gillespie, Illinois, and he has held various township offices, including those of collector, highway commissioner and member of the school board. He is likewise a member of the board of review of Macoupin county. Mr. and Mrs. Caveny have a family of eight children, namely: Eileen and Patricia, who are attending Ursuline Academy of Springfield; Paul, Clement, Mary and Margaret, public school pupils of Carlinville; and Elizabeth and Dorothy Jane. The entire family attend St. Mary's Catholic Church in Carlinville and Mr. Caveny belongs to the Knights of Colum-

bus and is a past grand knight of the local organization. He is also a member and past exalted ruler of the Benevolent Protective Order of Elks. The Carlinville Chamber of Commerce has his name on its membership roll and he eagerly cooperates in all of its activities for the civic betterment of the city. His interest in democracy is deep and abiding and he is now serving as secretary of the Jeffersonian Club of Maconin county.

LAWRENCE H. STICE

Lawrence H. Stice, a man of broad experience along many lines, who makes his home in Monmouth and is now the democratic nominee for representative to the state legislature from the thirty-second senatorial district, was born on a farm in Swan township, Warren county, July 6, 1905. He represents one of the oldest families of the state, his great-grandparents having removed from Kentucky to Illinois about 1822, at which time they settled in Warren county, which was then largely an undeveloped region. On the old family homestead which they secured, David A. Stice, the grandfather of Lawrence H. Stice, was born and reared. He early became familiar with the best methods of tilling the soil and caring for the crops and always gave his attention to farming. He was a lifelong democrat and for a number of years he served as supervisor from Swan township, being elected to that office on the democratic ticket. James D. Stice, son of David A. and Myra (King) Stice and father of our subject, was also born on the old family homestead, his natal day being June 20, 1881. He married Lillian Hoornbeek, who was born in Warren county in 1882. For twenty-seven years James D. Stice was the cashier of the Swan Creek State Bank but now lives retired in Monmouth, enjoying a rest which he has truly earned and richly deserves. Fraternally he is affiliated with the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks.

Lawrence H. Stice, son of James D. and Lillian (Hoornbeek) Stice, attended the public schools of Swan township, Warren county, and afterward Culver Military Academy of Indiana. Later he was graduated from high school in Denver, Colorado, and next enrolled as a student in the Colorado School of Mines. He likewise studied for a time in Monmouth College and thus liberal educational training qualified him for life's practical and responsible duties. For seven years he has been connected with the Illinois Bankers Life Assurance Company, having the supervision and management of its farm properties in Illinois, Kansas and Oklahoma. His duties are thus comprehensive and onerous but he has proven adequate to the occasion and has made an excellent record as a representative of the corporation.

On the 4th of March, 1926, Mr. Stice was married to Miss Gertrude Woods and they have become parents of a son and a daughter, James Daniel and Nancy Ellen. They belong to the Ninth Avenue United Presbyterian Church and Mr. Stice is serving on its board of trustees. He is likewise a member of the Kiwanis Club and is a past exalted ruler of the Monmouth Elks Club. In politics he has always been a stalwart democrat, although never an office seeker until the present year, when he accepted the nomination of his party for the position of representative to the general assembly from the thirty-second senatorial district. He was president of the Young Men's Democratic Club of Warren county from 1932 until 1934 and he was a delegate to the democratic state convention in Springfield in the latter year. He served on the committee on resolutions and platforms for the fourteenth district in that convention. He is a firm believer in putting forth a major effort to reduce the cost of government and in changing methods of supervising the government through the elimination of political offices wherever possible and the promotion of an economy program. He believes in discarding antiquated methods and in holding to a progressive spirit that will promote beneficial results. His activities in whatever field he has labored have been intelligently directed and the results achieved have been highly satisfactory.



LAWRENCE H. STICE

JAMES GRADEN SKINNER

James Graden Skinner, an eminent member of the bar and the author of well known law works, has engaged in active practice in Chicago since 1900, while at the same time he has been instructor in leading law schools of the city and has given time to writing upon legal questions. Ohio claims him as a native son, his birth having occurred in Portersville, January 22, 1870, his parents being William Franklin and Caroline (Mills) Skinner. His more specifically literary education was acquired in the Ohio State University, where he was a student from 1888 until 1893. He received his LL. B. degree upon graduation from the Chicago Law School with the class of 1898 and he was also graduated from the Illinois College of Law in 1899. The following year he was admitted to practice at the Illinois bar and has since been active in professional work in Chicago, where he has been accorded a selective and distinctively representative clientage. In the educational field he is also widely and prominently known, being an instructor in the law of real property in the Illinois College of Law from 1900 until 1905, while in the Hamilton College of Law he held the same professorship from 1910 until 1913. In the meantime, in 1911, he was made an assistant corporation counsel of Chicago and occupied that responsible position until 1916. With the city's development projects, especially along the line of his profession, he has been closely associated through a third of a century. He became secretary and counsel of the permanent charter commission of Chicago for the years 1914 and 1915 and was special assistant corporation counsel in harbor, public utility and legislative matters for the city. Lake Front improvement was held up for many years through lack of proper legal procedure. In 1911 Mr. Skinner was placed in charge of this work by Corporation Counsel William H. Sexton, and through the diplomatic presentation of a bill written by Mr. Skinner and which was passed by the State legislature, the ground now comprising Grant Park, the Century of Progress and the outer drive were secured for the city, all due to the work of Mr. Skinner.

In 1917 he was made instructor in municipal corporations and abstracts of title in the John Marshall Law School, so continuing until 1919. He is the author of a volume entitled Skinner's Real Property, which was published in 1901, and also the author of the Illinois Harbor Act of 1913. He belongs to the Chicago and Illinois State Bar Associations and ranks with the ablest of his colleagues and contemporaries practicing in Chicago. In 1933 he was made assistant attorney general and is now occupying this position.

On the 26th of December, 1894, Mr. Skinner was married to Miss Ida Louise Baird, of Prophetstown, Illinois, and they have two children, Donald Baird and Martha Lois. The family residence is at 10129 South Wood street, Beverly Hills, and Mr. Skinner finds his recreation in the cultivation of flowers and in golf. He maintains offices at 139 North Clark street and 33 North La Salle street in Chicago. He belongs to the Illinois Society of the Sons of the American Revolution, of which he was president in 1930, and he also has membership with the Ohio Society of Chicago, of which he was president in 1929. In politics he has always been a democrat, but his public service has ever transcended mere partisanship. He has looked beyond the exigencies of the moment to the opportunities and possibilities of the future and has labored along lines which produce the greatest good for the greatest number.

JOHN O. MORRISSEY

John O. Morrissey, a representative and successful attorney of Bloomington, his native city, is a member of the well known law firm of Morrissey, Morrissey & Morrissey. He was born on the 13th of April, 1896, his parents being John J. and Catherine (O'Connell) Morrissey, the former a son of Patrick and Ellen (Cotter) Morrissey, natives of Ireland. John J. Morrissey

was born in Bloomington, Illinois, October 16, 1858, and here acquired his public school education. His professional training was received in the College of Law of Illinois Wesleyan University at Bloomington, where he began the general practice of law on the 1st of June, 1880, and has thus continued active throughout the intervening period of fifty-four years. His first partner was Judge Renben M. Benjamin, who was succeeded by Judge Alfred Sample, while in 1900 Mr. Morrissey became associated with Edward Barry, this professional relationship being maintained until the latter was made circuit judge in 1920. Thereafter the firm name was Morrissey, Sullivan & Rust until 1926, when Mr. Rust retired from private practice. John O. Morrissey, our subject, had joined his father in practice in 1922, and since 1926 the firm has been known as Morrissey & Morrissey, the partners being John J. Morrissey and his two sons, John O. and Thomas C. Morrissey. The last named died October 3, 1933, leaving a daughter, Ann. John J. Morrissey is a past president of the McLean County Bar Association and also has membership in the Illinois State Bar Association. Politically he has been a stalwart supporter of the democratic party since attaining his majority. In 1915 he was one of three democratic nominees for judge of the circuit court and in 1932 was a delegate to the judicial district convention. In early manhood he married Catherine O'Connell, of Chicago, and to them were born seven children, of whom John O. is the only survivor.

John O. Morrissey acquired his early education in the parochial schools of Bloomington, continued his studies at the high school of Illinois State Normal University and subsequently attended the College of St. Thomas in St. Paul, Minnesota. He next matriculated at the University of Illinois but left that institution to enter the ambulance service of the United States Army and was sent to the Italian front, remaining overseas for eighteen months. He was honorably discharged with the rank of sergeant, and he is a member of the American Legion. Having determined to follow in the professional footsteps of his father, he entered the University of Chicago Law School, from which he was graduated with the LL.B. degree in 1922, and since that year he has been continuously engaged in law practice in Bloomington as a partner of his father. He is a member of the McLean County Bar Association, the Illinois State Bar Association and the American Bar Association, and while a student at the University of Illinois became a member of Sigma Chi. Though never a candidate for office, Mr. Morrissey has been an influential factor in local politics as a supporter of the democratic party. He took an active part in the democratic campaign of 1932, was one of the principal supporters of Judge Chalmer C. Taylor in 1933 and also figured prominently in the mayoralty campaign of the latter year.

On the 4th of September, 1920, Mr. Morrissey was united in marriage to Alice Rigney, of Chicago, Illinois, and they are the parents of two children, Mari and John J. Morrissey (II).

WILLIAM A. MOORE

William A. Moore, the efficient sheriff of Logan county, is a World war veteran who has been a lifelong resident of Lincoln. He was here born on the 2d of October, 1888, his parents being William A. and Bertha (Brandt) Moore, the latter a native of Germany. William A. Moore, Sr., a plumber by occupation, came to Illinois from Missonri. He was a staunch democrat in politics.

Mr. Moore of this review acquired his education in the public schools of Lincoln, Illinois, and subsequently obtained a clerkship in a grocery store, being thus employed for fourteen years. On the expiration of that period he embarked in the grocery business on his own account, but two years later he sold his interests and joined the army, for the United States had become involved in the World war. As a member of Company D, Ninth Infantry, Second Division,

he served overseas for fourteen months and participated in all the major engagements of the American Expeditionary Forces. Following the signing of the armistice he became a member of a composite regiment which formed the honor guard for General Pershing, accompanying him on his farewell tour of the European cities. Mr. Moore was honorably discharged as a private, first class. He is an active member of the American Legion and a charter member of the 40 and 8, of which he has served as trustee.

On resuming the pursuits of civil life Mr. Moore was employed as fireman by the city of Lincoln and later became chief of the fire department. In December, 1926, he was made deputy sheriff of Logan county under William G. Schaffenaeker, thus serving until 1930, when he became a candidate for the position of county sheriff, to which he was elected. He is making a highly creditable and commendable record in office, discharging his duties without fear or favor and to the entire satisfaction of all law-abiding citizens. He has taken an active part in all democratic campaigns, has served as precinct committeeman for several years and is now a member of the executive committee of the Logan county central committee. He has attended several state conventions of his party and was a visitor to the democratic national convention of 1932 in Chicago.

On April 22, 1915, Mr. Moore married Miss Mary Awe, of Lincoln, Illinois, where they make their home and have an extensive circle of warm friends. Fraternally Mr. Moore is identified with the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks, the Loyal Order of Moose and the subordinate lodge and encampment of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows.

EULALIA HOTZ

Enlalia Hotz, youngest daughter of Joseph Hotz, has taken very active part in politics, being recognized as one of the leading supporters of the party in Madison county. She was reared in an atmosphere of politics, for she accompanied her father, Joseph Hotz, on all of his campaigns and speaking tours over the state, acting as his secretary, financial agent and chauffeur, and while he was in office she acted as his confidential secretary. When her brother, Norbert Hotz, was made county clerk, she was appointed his deputy.

Miss Hotz pursued her studies in the public and parochial schools of Edwardsville, is a graduate of the Ursuline Academy in Alton, Illinois, and attended the Dominican College in Springfield. She is very active in the Edwardsville Business and Professional Women's Club and also in the Daughters of Isabella, having filled office in both organizations, and is a member of American Legion Auxiliary, being active member in all civic and church organizations. She was associated with Mrs. Simon Henry in organizing the Democratic Women's Club of Edwardsville and is now its finance chairman. The name of Hotz has thus been long and closely associated with democratic activity in Madison county and the efforts of the family have reflected credit upon the party organization.

MERRILL H. JOHNSTON

Merrill H. Johnston, state's attorney at Pittsfield, Pike county, was elected to this office in 1932. Pittsfield is his native city, his birth having here occurred April 5, 1904. His father, Edwin Johnston, born in Pike county, Illinois, November 13, 1871, is mentioned at length elsewhere in this work. The son attended the public schools of Pittsfield and is numbered among the high school alumni of 1922. He afterward spent two years as a student in the Illinois College at Jacksonville and then entered the University of Illinois, where he received his Bachelor of Arts degree in 1926 and completed his law course in 1928, at which time the J. D. degree was conferred upon him. In October of the same

year he was admitted to the bar and in December following became connected with the Legislative Reference Bureau in Springfield. There he remained until January 22, 1932, when he resigned his position in order to become a candidate for the office of state's attorney of Pike county, to which he was elected in the fall. He is now serving in that capacity in a commendable manner, his course showing that the democratic party made wise choice in selecting him as its candidate.

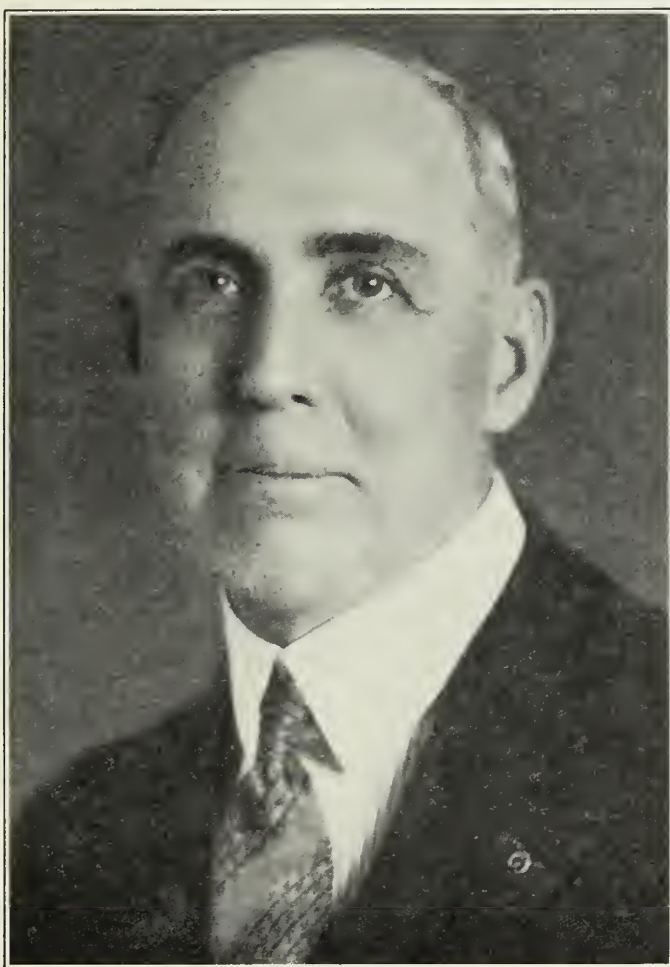
On the 29th of December, 1929, Mr. Johnston was united in marriage to Miss Hannah Brooks, a daughter of Joseph and Rose Brooks, and they are favorably known socially in his native city, where they reside. They are members of the Christian Church and Mr. Johnston belongs to the Phi Alpha Delta, a legal fraternity, the Theta Alpha, a social fraternity, and the Order of the Coif, an honorary law fraternity.

JACOB HEID

Jacob Heid, of Cairo, has the distinction of being the first man in Illinois appointed to the office of postmaster by President Franklin D. Roosevelt. He was named for the position in March, 1933, and has since acceptably served in this capacity. Born in Freeburg, St. Clair county, Illinois, September 20, 1874, Jacob Heid is a son of John and Caroline (Fleury) Heid. His father was born in Germany in 1838 and was a youth of fourteen years when in 1852 he crossed the Atlantic to the United States, landing in New York. He then made his way to St. Louis, Missouri, and soon afterward settled in Freeburg, Illinois, where he was an innkeeper. He was well known as a democratic politician and became quite prominent in St. Clair county, which at one time he served as assessor. At the time of the Civil war he espoused the cause of the Union and rendered valiant aid to the government on the battlefields of the south. He died in 1914, while his wife, who was born in St. Clair county and was of French descent, survived him until 1918.

In his youthful days Jacob Heid attended the graded schools of Freeburg and the high school in Belleville, after which he turned his attention to railroad activities, being first employed as a telegraph operator. He came to Cairo for the Big Four Railway in 1901 and later was commercial agent for the Cotton Belt Route in Cairo, occupying that position until 1914, when he was called to public office, being elected county clerk of Alexander county for a four years' term. Just before the expiration of his term, however, he entered the First Bank & Trust Company as teller, there remaining until March, 1933, when he was appointed postmaster, enjoying the distinction of being one of Roosevelt's first appointees and the first to be named postmaster in this state. He has since directed the affairs of the office in a thoroughly businesslike and systematic manner.

In 1896 Mr. Heid was married to Miss Flora A. Slimpert, a native of Perry county, Illinois, and a daughter of George H. Slimpert. Mrs. Heid, who was left an orphan in early girlhood, became a school teacher and was thus identified with educational work to the time of her marriage. Mr. and Mrs. Heid have become parents of three children: Viva Mae, the wife of C. W. Hornbrook, a resident of Oregon; John L., who is a graduate of the George Washington University at Washington, D. C., and is now chemical engineer; and Martha, who is a graduate of the Southern Illinois State Teachers College and is now the wife of Dr. Donn J. Barber, of Denver. The Heid family are all members of the Presbyterian Church. Mr. Heid has long been a Mason, taking all the degrees of the York rite and is a Shriner. He was very prominent in Masonic work until other duties forced him to cease his activities. For twenty years he acted as secretary of the Masonic lodge in Cairo and at all times he has exemplified in his life teachings and spirit of the craft. For the last forty years he has been very active in democratic politics, always working for the party interest, giving his time and money to help further the cause of the democratic party.



JACOB HEID

J. E. LEE, M.D.

Dr. J. E. Lee, who is engaged in the general practice of medicine at Venice and who is filling the office of mayor, a position which he has occupied for many years, was born in La Harpe, Hancock county, Illinois, in August, 1875. His father, Patrick Lee, a native of Ireland, came to the United States when sixteen years of age and followed the occupation of farming as a life work. He early endorsed democratic principles, became an active worker in the party and served on the county board of supervisors. He married Bridget Dunn, also a native of Ireland, and also sixteen years of age when she came to the new world.

After attending district schools of his native county, J. E. Lee continued his education in a college at Bushnell, Illinois, and then went to Keokuk, Iowa, and to Iowa City. He acquired his professional training in the Keokuk Medical College, which conferred upon him the M.D. degree in 1902, and he gained valuable practical experience by serving as interne in the college hospital. Opening an office in Venice, Illinois, in the year of his graduation, he has continued here since, devoting his attention to the general practice of medicine and surgery, in which he has gained year by year added skill and ability through his practical experience and constant reading, whereby he keeps in touch with the latest scientific discoveries that have to do with medical healing. In 1904 he opened a drug store, which he has since owned and conducted. He belongs to the Madison County, Tri City, Illinois State and American Medical Associations and thus keeps informed concerning the latest and most advanced professional thought.

On the 16th of September, 1917, Dr. Lee was married to Miss Catherine Dooher of Granite City, Illinois, and they have three children: Catherine, John and Mary.

Always a democrat, Dr Lee has been interested in party activities since 1902, cooperating in every possible way to secure success for the men and measures that he advocates. He served for several years as a member of the democratic county committee and in 1911 he was elected mayor of Venice, which office he has since filled with the exception of the period from 1915 to 1917, giving to his city a businesslike and progressive administration wherein he has recognized every possible opportunity for municipal development and improvement. Under his regime practically all of the city improvements have been made. For the last twenty years he has been a delegate to practically every state convention and is well known to the party leaders, who account him a valuable co-worker.

JOSEPH HOTZ

Joseph Hotz, county clerk of Madison county, Illinois, is a member of an old and honored family of that county, has claimed this rich and interesting section of Illinois as his home all his life, and for over forty years has had a notable record in business and public affairs.

Mr. Hotz was born in Saline township, Madison county, December 17, 1859, a son of Christian and Maria Eva (Weber) Hotz. His father spent many years of his life on a farm in Saline township, but in 1866 retired and after that lived at Highland. For two terms he was alderman of that city and was also a member of the highway commission for twenty years. Joseph Hotz attended parochial schools and finished his education in St. Francis College at Milwaukee, Wisconsin. Five years of his early life were spent in teaching. Among the talents he early developed was a love of music, and he has done much as an individual to promote musical culture in his home community. For thirty-five years he was church organist at St. Boniface Catholic Church, and now serves as organist at St. Mary's Church in Edwardsville on special occasions.

Mr. Hotz from 1882 to 1886 was chief deputy under his brother, George Hotz, sheriff of Madison county. He remained at the courthouse at Edwardsville

as index clerk in the recorder's office from 1886 to 1890, and from 1890 to 1894 was again chief deputy sheriff under his brother. Mr. Hotz from time to time has had important business interests. In 1894 he became associated with Mr. Yeager in a cigar factory at Edwardsville, the firm being known as Yeager & Hotz. A special election called Mr. Hotz to the office of sheriff in 1900 to fill a vacancy caused by the death of Sheriff Kuhn. In 1902 he engaged in the wholesale commission business at Edwardsville and from 1910 to 1914 was secretary and treasurer of the Model Department Store of Edwardsville.

From 1914 to 1920 Mr. Hotz was United States revenue agent, being a field representative in income tax work. In July, 1920, he was appointed postmaster at Edwardsville, which position he held until February, 1922. In that year he became a candidate for the office of county clerk. The official count showed that he was defeated by the margin of one hundred ninety-seven votes, the opposite party having counted him out, whereupon he filed a contest and asked for a recount. The case was fought through the county court, and later the supreme court by unanimous vote awarded him the office and he was declared elected by four hundred sixty-seven votes. He began his term April 8, 1924. In 1926 he was elected by a majority of eight hundred votes and again in 1930 was re-elected county clerk by a majority of eight thousand nine hundred.

Mr. Hotz is a member of the Knights of Columbus of Edwardsville and is president of the Catholic Knights and Ladies of Illinois. He married Miss Mary Nagel of Highland in 1884. She died in 1903, leaving six children: Eugene, Amanda, Henrieta, Norbert, Cecelia and Bonoventure. On August 16, 1905, Mr. Hotz married Miss Catherine McCarthy, daughter of Patrick McCarthy, a prominent resident of Pana, Illinois. Two children, Eulalia and Vincent, were born to them in this marriage.

GEORGE E. BROWN

Acting as drummer boy in torchlight processions of the democratic party when but fourteen years of age, George E. Brown has since been active in support of the political principles in which he believes. Democracy has long numbered him among its leading supporters in Morgan county. He is now filling the position of postmaster at Franklin and at the same time is actively interested in farming in this locality. He was born about a mile and a half west of Franklin, January 9, 1877, and is a son of Charles W. Brown, whose birth occurred in 1850 on the same farm where his son, George E., opened his eyes to the light of day. He married Annie Lambert, a native of Jacksonville, Illinois, and he died January 26, 1881, when his son George was but four years of age.

The latter attended the public schools of Franklin and in young manhood took up the occupation of farming, which he has since followed. Not only does he cultivate his fields according to modern scientific methods, but he also in progressive manner engages in raising and feeding stock, both branches of his business bringing to him a substantial measure of success. He was married March 28, 1901, at which time Miss Martha Seymour, a daughter of Captain W. R. Seymour, became his wife. They hold membership in the Methodist Episcopal Church, in the work of which Mr. Brown is very active, serving as a member of the board of trustees and doing all in his power to advance the church work and promote the influence of moral teaching.

Mr. Brown also recognizes the duties and obligations of citizenship and votes for the men and measures which he deems vital in good government. He found delight in taking part in the torchlight parades which were a feature of the campaigns of earlier days and since a youth of fourteen he has been an active worker in local party ranks. He has served altogether at different times as precinct committeeman for sixteen years and was serving in that capacity at the time he was appointed acting postmaster of Franklin. He had previously been treasurer of the public schools of his township from April, 1912, until April, 1934. On the 21st of August, 1933, he was called to his present position—an

appointment that came as a merited recognition of what he had done for his party. For twenty years he has attended the democratic state conventions and is well known to the leaders of the party in the state, who regard him as a consistent and effective worker.

GEORGE W. HOGAN

George W. Hogan, well known citizen of Winchester, Scott county, Illinois, now serving as investigator of the department of conservation, has for nearly thirty years been an acknowledged leader of the democratic party in his home county, and has a most enviable record in committee work and in many other activities of political character.

Mr. Hogan was born in Merritt precinct, Scott county, Illinois, on June 9, 1865, and is a son of James and Premelio A. (Christman) Hogan, the former of whom was born in Ireland in 1800 and died in 1880, while the latter was a native of Kentucky. James Hogan came to the United States when he was a young man. His route was by way of New Orleans, up the Mississippi and the Illinois rivers by boat. He settled in what is now Scott county, one mile south of Chapin, and there engaged in farming until his death. He was always a democrat.

George W. Hogan passed his youthful years on his father's farm, where he was born, and attended the public schools of Chapin, Illinois. He then studied for one year at Chaddock College in Quincy, Illinois. Mr. Hogan was only eighteen years old when he first participated actively in democratic politics, and when he was twenty-two he was elected road commissioner in his district. In 1894 he was a candidate for the nomination for sheriff of Scott county, but was defeated in the primary by the small margin of two votes. In 1898 he was again candidate for sheriff and was more successful. He served four years in this office, also as tax collector. In 1902 success again came to him at the polls and he was elected county assessor and treasurer, and in 1906 he was re-elected as sheriff and tax collector. Mr. Hogan was appointed master in chancery in 1912 and in this capacity served for nineteen years. He was honored with the mayoralty of Winchester in 1927 and was the incumbent for two years. For two years he was on the democratic state central committee with the Hon. Charles Boeschstein and was chairman of the Scott county democratic central committee for the exceptional period of twenty-eight years, which, except for a break of two years, was consecutive. He was a member of this committee for a total of forty years. During this latter period, he attended every state convention of the party, most of the time as a delegate, and he has also been a guest at two or three of the national democratic conventions. His present position as investigator for the conservation department was given to him by appointment in October, 1933. Few democrats in the state of Illinois can claim a more conspicuous and patriotic record in the work of their party than Mr. Hogan. Great credit and honor is due to him for his steadfastness and his sincere interest in the success of democracy.

On September 15, 1900, Mr. Hogan was united in marriage to Miss Maude Redshaw, a daughter of Stephen A. Redshaw. Mrs. Hogan passed away in March, 1932.

Mr. Hogan's fraternal affiliations are with the Independent Order of Odd Fellows and the Modern Woodmen of America. Mr. Hogan also served on the Exemption Board during the World war with W. H. Green and Dr. George M. Straight.

C. FRED LAMAR

C. Fred Lamar, editor and publisher of the Calhoun Herald, is thus issuing weekly a strong democratic organ in his section of the state, having a well appointed newspaper office in Hardin, where he has always made his home.

He was born here in 1886 and is a son of Charles H. Lamar, who is mentioned at length elsewhere in this work. His father was a newspaper owner and publisher, and at his death C. Fred Lamar became his successor as owner and editor of the paper. The Calhoun Herald is a weekly that is widely read and it has been an influential factor in shaping the activities of the democratic party in Calhoun county. Mr. Lamar has always voted the democratic ticket since age conferred upon him the right of franchise and since 1930 he has served as mayor of Hardin, his administration of municipal affairs being characterized by businesslike promptness and insight. He studies not only present needs but future possibilities and has labored for the upbuilding of the city through oncoming years as well as at the present.

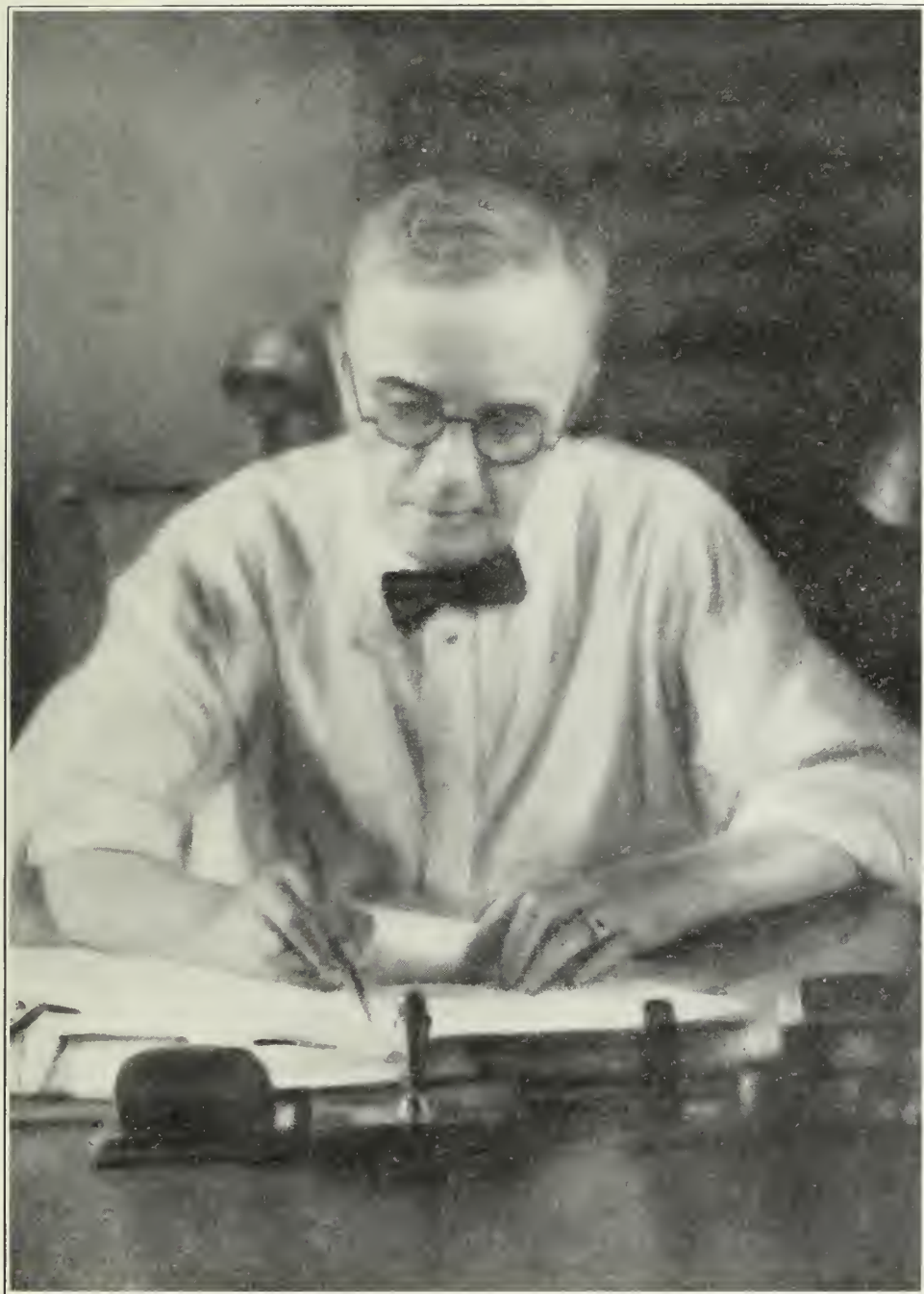
On the 16th of April, 1907, Mr. Lamar was married to Miss Ione Beaty and they now have two children, Lucy and Ruth. The family attend the Catholic Church. As a citizen Mr. Lamar is alert to all the interests of the community and is laboring earnestly and efficiently to promote the steady development of Hardin.

JOHN L. COOPER

John L. Cooper, an attorney with offices in the Elliott building of Fairfield, was born in Wayne county, Illinois, September 4, 1863, and is a representative of one of the old families of this section of the state. His father, John H. Cooper, was born in Ohio, where he acquired his early education. He then took up the study of law and was graduated from the Cincinnati Law School, after which he engaged in active practice in Wayne and adjoining counties until the outbreak of the Civil war, when he responded to the country's call for aid and enlisted in the Eighty-seventh Illinois Volunteer Infantry. He served as quartermaster until 1863, when he died of an illness contracted at the front. In early manhood he had married Julia Organ, who was born in Tennessee but in early girlhood accompanied her parents to Wabash county, Illinois. Her brother, B. S. Organ, was an attorney of the county, also served as county judge of Wabash county and later was county judge of White county. Subsequently he served as a member of the state legislature from White county and as both a lawyer and law-maker he made a record which reflected credit and honor upon the history of the state. He was a prominent democrat and for four years he served as a soldier of the Civil war.

John L. Cooper acquired his early education in Fairfield and in May, 1887, entered upon the study of law with Judge Jacob R. Creighton as his preceptor. After a thorough preliminary course of reading he was admitted to the bar in 1889 and immediately formed a partnership with Judge Creighton, which association was maintained until 1902, when Mr. Cooper was elected county judge. After serving his term on the bench he became secretary to Justice C. C. Boggs of the Supreme Court, and their relationship was maintained for nine years. At the end of that time Mr. Cooper was elected to the state legislature, serving in the forty-ninth and fiftieth general assemblies, during which period he gave thoughtful and earnest consideration to all vital questions which came up for settlement. From 1918 until 1928 he was proprietor and editor of the Wayne County Record, a democratic paper, but in the latter year sold out on account of failing eyesight. He then entered upon what has fortunately proved a successful attempt to improve his sight and in 1932 he opened his present law office in Fairfield, where he is now successfully practicing, being accorded a large and representative clientage. He is well qualified to handle important cases before the courts and his record is a most creditable one. Among his other activities should be mentioned that he was secretary to Judge Albert Watson during his term in Supreme Court and also to Judge J. R. Creighton, of Springfield, Illinois.

Mr. Cooper has always given his political support to the democratic party since attaining his majority and has attended many congressional, judicial and state conventions, while on one occasion he served as a presidential elector. For



JOHN L. COOPER

many years he has spoken throughout Wayne and adjoining counties in behalf of the entire democratic ticket during the campaign and he has put forth effective effort in support of the principles in which he so firmly believes.

On the 24th of September, 1890, Mr. Cooper was married to Miss Minnie Harvey, who passed away August 15, 1926. Their only child is Inez, who is now the wife of O. W. Burgess, of Chicago, and has three children: William, Kathryn and Lillian May. Mr. Cooper is widely known in fraternal circles, belonging to the Masons, the Odd Fellows and the Knights of Pythias lodges. His connection with the Chamber of Commerce indicates his active interest in local welfare and he is a loyal follower of the teachings of the Rotary Club, to which he belongs. His religious faith is that of the Presbyterian Church. He is well known professionally and still retains his membership in the Wayne County Bar Association, of which he was president for several years.

A. M. JENNINGS

A. M. Jennings, who is the chief executive in Granite City, having been elected mayor in 1933, is often called to act in an advisory capacity by the democratic county committee and for a number of years has been most active and helpful in party ranks. His life story is one of progress crowned with substantial results in both political and business circles. He was born on a farm near Reno, in Bond county, Illinois, March 29, 1884. His father, David S. Jennings, also a native of Illinois and a farmer by occupation, was a son of William Jennings, who was a Methodist circuit rider, and as he rode his circuit he also campaigned for Stephen A. Douglas. At the outbreak of the Civil war he became a Lincoln follower, but being a cripple was unable to join the army. His brothers, however, were active in the service. David S. Jennings was united in marriage to Susan Cope, a native of Marion county, Illinois, whose father and brothers were staunch democrats.

About 1885 David S. and Susan Jennings removed with their family to Carlinville, Illinois, where their son, A. M. Jennings, attended the grade and high schools. In 1901 the family home was established in Granite City, where our subject began work in the steel mills and learned the trade of a steel heater. After a brief period, however, he left home and went west. In 1910 he returned to Granite City, where he re-entered the mills, being thus employed until 1914. He afterward worked for the railroad at Mount Vernon until the United States became involved in the World war, when he went to Chicago and thence to the Atlantic coast, connected with war contract shipbuilding. Subsequently he again established his home in Granite City and was once more employed in the mills until April, 1933, when he was elected mayor. Since that date he has concentrated his energies and attention upon the duties of the office and his administration is characterized by the most businesslike methods. From the time when he began learning his trade Mr. Jennings has taken an active part in organized labor, holding membership in the Amalgamated Association of Iron, Steel and Tin Workers of America. He served as president of the local body for three terms and he has had much political influence among his co-members of the society. Eleven times he was a delegate to its national conventions, five times was a member of the national conference on wage scales and twice was a candidate for international offices.

Mr. Jennings was reared as a republican but became interested in the socialist party at his majority, giving support thereto until 1928, since which time he has been a stalwart advocate of democracy. He is today regarded as a leader of his party in Granite City and he served as a delegate to the state conventions of 1932 and 1934. For three years he was a member of the city council and then resigned his position as alderman to take the office of mayor, having been elected on an economy platform. Since assuming his duties he has practiced economy in all city departments and has promoted much saving in the management of municipal affairs. City finances were in bad shape when he took charge.

but he has been able to re-establish the credit of the city and is working toward a balanced budget. He is also taking keen interest in the matter of having a municipal water supply, while everything that has to do with civic betterment or civic welfare receives his endorsement.

In 1910 Mr. Jennings was married to Miss Flora Gates, of Macoupin county, who takes an active interest in politics during the campaigns. Mr. Jennings belongs to the Loyal Order of Moose and is prominent in that society. Just as he has worked untiringly for the benefit of organized labor, he is now working as consistently for municipal benefits and his labors are far-reaching and resultant.

BURREL BARASH

Burrel Barash, a member of the bar practicing at Galesburg and now a candidate for the office of county judge of Knox county, was born in Rapatee, Illinois, December 10, 1906. His parents were Max and Dora (Miller) Barash, both of whom were natives of Russia, the former born in 1879 and the latter July 16, 1890. Max Barash came to America in 1903 and settled in Rapatee, Illinois, where he engaged in the automobile and implement business, in which he continued until his death in 1920. His widow survives and makes her home in Galesburg. They had a daughter, now deceased.

Burrel Barash, who was the only son born to his parents, completed his preliminary education by graduation from the high school of Galesburg with the class of 1923. He afterward studied for a year in Knox College and for four years in the University of Illinois, devoting one year to liberal arts and three years to preparation for his profession. He was graduated from the law department of that institution in 1929 and immediately afterward entered the office which he now occupies with the firm of Marsh, Lewis & Thompson, well known attorneys of Galesburg. On the 1st of January, 1931, he was admitted to a partnership and the association was maintained until January, 1932, when the firm was dissolved owing to the death of the senior partner. Mr. Barash has since practiced alone, giving close attention to the preparation of his cases, while his devotion to his clients' interests has become proverbial. He has been connected with much important litigation tried in the courts of his district and has won many verdicts for his clients. He is now serving as city attorney for Knoxville, Illinois.

As a supporter of the democratic party, Mr. Barash has become widely known in western Illinois. He was one of the organizers of the Illinois Young Peoples League, for which he wrote the constitution, and he is a past president of the Knox County Young Democratic Club. During the campaign of 1932 he was on the speakers committee and delivered addresses throughout Knox county in support of the principles of the party and its candidates. He was a delegate to the state convention at Springfield in 1934. During his college days Mr. Barash became identified with the Sigma Alpha Mu fraternity and he was a member of the inter-fraternity council. He belongs to the Fraternal Order of Eagles, the Independent Order of Odd Fellows and the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks, while along strictly social lines he has connection with the Soengataha Country Club of Galesburg and with the Galesburg Club. He has made many friends during his residence here and undoubtedly as candidate for the county bench he will poll a large vote.

ALBERT HENRY RANDOLPH ATWOOD, M. D.

Dr. Albert Henry Randolph Atwood, assistant director of the department of labor, with offices in Chicago, was born December 1, 1882, in the city which is still his home, and is descended from English ancestry, the family having been founded in America about the middle of the seventeenth century. His parents were Joseph S. and Eliza H. (Smith) Atwood, the former a veteran of the

Civil war who served with the Thirty-ninth Illinois Infantry and is now deceased.

Albert H. R. Atwood, after attending the public schools of Chicago, entered Lake Forest University of Lake Forest, Illinois, and received an LL. B. degree in 1906. He prepared for his professional career as a student in the Jenner Medical College of Chicago and gained his M. D. degree in 1914. He then opened an office in his native city, where he practiced continuously until 1930, building up a practice of gratifying proportions and winning wide recognition by reason of his knowledge and skill. He has been a member of the general advisory board of the department of labor since its creation in 1914, acting as its secretary, with offices in Chicago. His industrial experience covers a wide field and he has gained valuable knowledge in this connection. He was appointed by Governor Dunne on the committee on unemployment and also made a member of the industrial commission to study unemployment through appointment of Mayor Carter H. Harrison (II). For fifteen years he headed the industrial department of the Western Electric Company, employing many thousands in the manufacture of telephones. During the World war period he was with the Wright-Martin Aircraft Corporation in New Jersey as head of the industrial and personnel department. It was a logical appointment when in January, 1933, Governor Horner named him as assistant director of the department of labor in the employment service cooperating with the federal government and interlocking with the labor department at Washington, D. C. He has offices in the Engineering building on Wells street and Wacker drive, Chicago, and is giving undivided time, attention and deep thought to the many responsibilities and difficult problems of this position.

Dr. Atwood finds recreation in gardening and in research reading. Fraternally he is a Mason and he belongs to the Sons of the American Revolution, which is indicative of the fact that his ancestors were among those who won national independence. The same spirit of loyalty has been manifest in Dr. Atwood in his various official and professional connections, and comprehensive training and experience well qualify him for the important duties that now devolve upon him as assistant director of the department of labor for Illinois.

BREWER H. DAMMANN

Brewer H. Dammann, circuit clerk of Montgomery county, having been elected in December, 1932, and a well known resident of Hillsboro, was here born November 30, 1891, a son of G. W. and Kitty (Phillips) Dammann. The mother is a daughter of Burrell and Julia Phillips, whose ancestral record includes the name of one of the supreme court judges of the United States. G. W. Dammann is still an active factor in Champaign, where he is engaged in the insurance business.

Brewer H. Dammann attended the public schools of his native city until graduated from the Hillsboro high school with the class of 1909. He then entered the employ of the Hillsboro Coal Company as auditor and remained with that company for twenty-three years, the only position which he has ever filled. His service was continuous save for a period of about one year, occasioned by his enlistment for service in the World war. He was sent to Camp Grant and was discharged in December, 1918, after which he returned to the coal company, resuming his former connection. This was continued until December, 1932, when he was elected to the office of circuit clerk, which position he is filling with utmost satisfaction to the public. He was very active among the coal miners and was influential in securing many democratic votes during the twenty-three years in which he was associated with the Hillsboro Coal Company.

On the 23d of June, 1914, Mr. Dammann was married to Miss Alberta Howell, a daughter of Albert M. and Carrie (Macknet) Howell. The former

was owner of the Montgomery County Telephone & Telegraph Company and passed away in 1923, but the mother survives and makes her home with Mr. and Mrs. Dammann. She spent six months in China, covering the winter of 1933-34, and is now on a lecture tour. Mr. and Mrs. Dammann have two daughters, Ann and Naney. The parents are members of St. Paul's Lutheran Church and Mr. Dammann belongs to the Loyal Order of Moose and to Litchfield Lodge No. 64, B.P.O.E. He likewise has membership in the Hillsboro Country Club and the Antlers Club of Litchfield, and his favorite recreation is golf.

LOUIE E. DIXON

Louie E. Dixon, who is postmaster at Biggsville, Henderson county, was here born April 17, 1887, a son of J. W. and Mary (Rodman) Dixon. The father was born on a farm near Biggsville and the mother's birth occurred near Stronghurst, Henderson county. Mr. Dixon engaged in blacksmithing for many years in Biggsville and he has always been known as a staunch supporter of the democratic party.

L. E. Dixon was a pupil in the grade and high schools of Biggsville and afterward engaged in the barbering business for about ten years. On the 1st of April, 1918, he joined the United States Army and was assigned to duty with Company H, One Hundred and Thirty-ninth Infantry Regiment of the Thirty-fifth Division. He went overseas in May of that year and he participated in the engagements of Belleau Wood, of the Vesle sector, of the St. Mihiel offensive, of the Argonne and also of the Verdun sector. He was gassed in the Argonne offensive on the 28th of September, 1918, and he returned to the United States in April, 1919, receiving his discharge on the 2nd of May, after having had broad military experience which made him thoroughly acquainted with methods of modern warfare. On leaving the army Mr. Dixon returned to Biggsville and a year and a half later purchased a restaurant, which he has since conducted.

On the 20th of January, 1921, Mr. Dixon was united in marriage to Miss Mary Inez Dye and they are the parents of two sons, Max and Keith. Mr. Dixon is a member of the Masonic fraternity and of Gerald W. Norman Post, No. 718, of the American Legion at Kirkwood, Illinois. He has been active in local democratic politics since old enough to vote, working for the party and the principles in which he firmly believes. In August, 1934, he was appointed postmaster of Biggsville and has since acted in that capacity in addition to carrying on his restaurant business. He attended the Farley day democratic rally at Springfield in 1934 as one of the delegation from Henderson county.

THE SHOAFF FAMILY

The Shoaff family of Illinois, long prominently known in the state, has always been connected with the democratic party, to which ardent support has been given. Its members have never held office with salary, working for the party because of a firm belief in its principles. James Shoaff, Sr., who was born in 1829 and was married December 21, 1843, to Naney M. Hanks, began the publication of *The Owl* at Charleston, Illinois, in the same year. In 1846 he became associated with E. M. Lathrope in the publication of the *Protestant Monitor* at Greenville, Illinois. His identification with journalistic interests of Decatur began in 1851 and was continued through the period that antedated and followed the Civil war, when it was a difficult task to maintain a democratic paper, as feeling ran very high in that period. In 1861 he began the publication of the *Union* at Bement, Illinois, in association with his son, Thomas B. Twelve years later, in 1873, the two published the *Gazette* at Paris, Illinois.

Mr. Shoaff long maintained a prominent position in journalistic circles of the state and in 1866 was chosen president of the Editorial Club of Central and Southern Illinois. That year a meeting was held in Decatur, where they had a notable feast notwithstanding the fact that cordwood and pumpkins often



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had to be accepted in lieu of the subscription price of their respective papers. In 1871 the Editorial Association met in Springfield, Illinois, on which occasion James Shoaff was presented with a gold-headed ebony cane on which his name was engraved. This cane is now in possession of his first grandson, James Shoaff, who is editor of the Shelby County Leader. With many public interests James Shoaff, Sr., was closely identified. In 1857 he was made secretary of the Macon County Fair and the following year wrote a statement for the Illinois Board of Agriculture. During the Civil war period he joined Company A of the Thirty-fifth Illinois Infantry, in which he served as a second lieutenant. His religious faith was that of the Universalist Church and he passed away in April, 1874, a most active and useful life thus being brought to its termination, but his memory is cherished by those who knew him and he left an indelible impress upon the history of the state.

Thomas Benton Shoaff, son of James and Nancy M. (Hanks) Shoaff, was born in Greenville, Illinois, February 23, 1847, and was but fourteen years of age when with his father he published the Union at Bement in 1861. In 1864 he began the publication of his first own paper, Boy About Town, in Decatur. In 1873 he assisted his father in founding the Gazette at Paris and continued the publication of that paper following his father's death, his three younger brothers, L. A. G., Fred L. and James Douglas, being associated with him in the enterprise for seven years. There were also four sisters in the family: Mrs. Missonri Barney, deceased; Alice, the wife of Cutler Leach; Helen, the wife of Colladay Booth; and Hattie, the wife of I. Shepherd.

With the courage of youth and his firm belief in democratic principles, Thomas B. Shoaff went into the very stronghold of republicanism, Joseph Cannon's town of Danville, where he began the publication of the Weekly Leader, the forerunner of the Daily Morning Press, which afterward became the Press-Democrat. In 1897, with his son James, he established the only morning paper in southwestern Michigan, the Kalamazoo Gazette. In 1900 they began publishing the Shelby County Leader at Shelbyville, Illinois, for Mr. Shoaff preferred residence in his native state among his many friends.

It was in 1871 that Thomas B. Shoaff was married to Ella W. Lytle, of Brainerd, Minnesota. They became parents of four children, James, Clare, Lavone and Douglas, all living in Shelbyville, and James, Clare and D. L. Shoaff continue the publication of the Leader. In 1872 their father became a member of St. Paul's Episcopal Church at Brainerd, Minnesota, and in the early '80s he served as senior warden of his church at Danville. He was interested in all that had to do with the public welfare and his cooperation could be counted upon for any progressive movement in behalf of the intellectual, social, political and moral progress of his community and his state. As one of the outstanding democrats of Illinois he was chosen presidential elector from the nineteenth congressional district in 1908 and was a close friend and staunch supporter of William Jennings Bryan. In 1927, as dean of newspaper publishers, the National Graphic Arts Association awarded him a bronze medal as being one of the oldest printers and publishers in the United States and Canada still actively engaged in the profession. He loved the genial brotherhood of the press, and at the unveiling of the monument, "the Madonna of the Trail," at Vandalia, Illinois, the Editorial Association presented him with a life membership. His valuable contributions to Lincoln lore were acknowledged by such men as Rev. William E. Barton, M. L. Houser of Peoria; Edward E. Jacobs, Hon. James M. Graham, Governor Henry Horner, Edwin Davis and J. B. Oakleaf, Moline, Illinois, as letters and brochures will attest. He was called from this life October 20, 1932, and is still survived by his wife. In his passing the democratic party lost one of its most stalwart supporters, journalism one of its most prominent representatives, his associates a most loyal and devoted friend and his family a loving and considerate husband and father.

MIKE GODFREY

For almost twelve years Mike Godfrey has been county clerk of Montgomery county, having been elected in 1922. He was born in Litchfield, Illinois, July 22, 1888, a son of Dennis and Mary Ann (Fitzgerald) Godfrey, the former a native of Ireland, while the latter was born in Litchfield, Illinois. The father came to the United States when about nineteen years of age, settling in New York city, where he remained for about a year and then came to Litchfield. He was a railroad man, connected with the Big Four for several years, after which he began working in the shops at Litchfield. Later he became section foreman for the Illinois Central System and acted in that capacity for about fifteen years but is now living retired. He and his wife make their home in Litchfield, where they have reared a family of eleven children. Ellen the eldest, became the wife of John Newbill, an engineer on the Wabash Railroad. Hannah married John Hill, a mechanic of Decatur, Illinois. Mike is the next of the family. Mary is at home. Julia is the wife of Joseph Newman, of Chicago, and they have two children, Mary N. and Ellen, aged eighteen and sixteen years. Regina is with her parents. Myrtle is the wife of Paul Padberg, a merchant of St. Louis, Missouri, and they have three children: Godfrey Paul, six years of age; and Myrtle Zoe and Myrtle Jean, twins, three years of age. Thomas, living in Litchfield, married Ethel May, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. William May, and they have two children, Evelyn and Thomas, aged seven and five years. Frances is the wife of Dr. Charles Mizera, a dentist of Gillespie, and they have two children, Mary Theresa and Charles, Jr., aged five and three years. Dennis Godfrey, Jr., an attorney of Litchfield, lives with his parents. James Patrick married Elizabeth Kaveny, a daughter of William and Rose Kaveny, and they have one child, William, now a year old.

Mike Godfrey acquired his early education in St. Mary's parochial school of Litchfield and later was a high school pupil for a year. He afterward spent two years as a student in Bartman's Business College of Litchfield and was then employed by his father for one year. He next became assistant foreman of the American Radiator Company, with which corporation he continued for ten years, and then became a deputy in the office of the county clerk of Montgomery county, continuing to act in that capacity for about fourteen years. In 1922 he was elected county clerk for a four years' term and at each succeeding election has been again chosen for the office, so that if he completes his present term he will have been the incumbent in the position for twelve years, and his entire connection with the office as deputy and as county clerk will cover more than a quarter of a century. He has always been a democrat and works earnestly and effectively for the party.

Mr. Godfrey married Miss Faye Barbara Lyerla, a daughter of Jacob and Blanch (Allen) Lyerla, and they have two sons: Michael F., Jr., thirteen years of age; and James Edward, aged eleven. The family are members of St. Mary's Roman Catholic Church and Mr. Godfrey belongs to Pittsfield Council, No. 699 of the Knights of Columbus and also to the Elks lodge and the Moose lodge in Litchfield, where he is widely and favorably known, being a representative of one of the old families of the city, while his record as a man and as an official commends him to the goodwill, confidence and esteem of all with whom he has come in contact.

IVAN DELMAS WOOD

Ivan Delmas Wood, of Sullivan, who is circuit clerk of Moultrie county, was born on a farm in Cumberland county, not far from Toledo, Illinois, January 22, 1907. His father, James E. Wood, formerly engaged in the grocery business in this state but now makes his home in Arizona. The mother of Ivan D. Wood is a resident of Sullivan, Illinois.

In the public schools of Sullivan, Ivan D. Wood pursued his education

until graduated from the high school with the class of 1925. He then entered the employ of the Merchants & Farmers State Bank, with which institution he was connected for seven years, and on the 8th of November, 1932, he was elected circuit clerk of Moultrie county, in which office he is now serving with a record that is most creditable. He has always voted with the democratic party and is one of its earnest workers in Moultrie county. In 1932 he was an alternate to the state convention and he belongs to the Jeffersonian Club of Sullivan.

On the 4th of September, 1930, Mr. Wood married Miss Geraldine Barger, a daughter of Jesse and Nellie (Black) Barger, both of whom were natives of Illinois and removed to Sullivan from Cumberland county. Her father was engaged in the oil business. Mr. and Mrs. Wood have one son, Stanley Allen, who was born in August, 1931. Mr. Wood is an alert, energetic young man whose record commends him to the support of the public, and as an efficient office holder he is widely and favorably known.

PAUL T. HARTLINE

Paul T. Hartline, well known in democratic circles, is now acting as field agent in the division of oil inspection in Illinois. He is also county chairman of the democratic county central committee and makes his home in Hillsboro, his native city. In fact he was born in the house in which he still resides, April 1, 1901, and he is a representative of a family which for two generations or more, in both the paternal and maternal lines, has been associated closely with the democratic party. His grandfather, Andrew Hartline, came to Illinois from North Carolina about the close of the Civil war, probably arriving in 1866. He was a bootmaker by trade and had made boots for General Grant and others. He had a capital of only twelve dollars when he reached Montgomery county, this state, but he possessed industry, ambition and determination and at once began making boots in Hillsboro. As time passed and he won a substantial patronage, he put in a little stock of shoes in his shop and kept adding to it until he had a well appointed store, continuing actively in the shoe business until his death in 1920, having carried on at the same location for fifty-eight years. He was unmarried at the time of his removal to Illinois and here wedded Mary Sharp, who was also of a family that gave allegiance to the democratic party. Their son, George Hartline, the fourth of their six children, and the only son, was born in Hillsboro, where he still makes his home. In his youth he became the active assistant of his father, whom he succeeded in the shoe business, in which he is still engaged. He married Lelia Tobias, a daughter of Edward and Sophie (Mason) Tobias, and they are widely known and highly esteemed residents of Montgomery county. She was president of the Hillsboro Women's Club and the Ladies Aid.

Paul T. Hartline, their only child, had the usual experiences of the town-bred boy, his youth being largely devoted to the acquirement of his education. During his high school days he had the distinction of being the second freshman ever to make the basketball team. He also became a member of the football team, on which he played for four years, and he was the outstanding star on the track team, always participating in the fifty-yard dash, the one-hundred-yard dash and the two-hundred-and-twenty-yard dash. On these occasions he was never defeated, and he also won first place in the broad jump. He was likewise a member of the relay team and it was never defeated during the four years of his connection therewith. It was a rule in the school that no athlete could take part in more than four events, but in all four Mr. Hartline participated and won championship honors. Athletics were never pursued to the detriment of his school work, however, and during three of his four years in high school he was president of his class. Following his graduation from the Hillsboro high school, in 1920, he was associated with his father in the shoe

business until March, 1928, after which he was connected with the Watkins Oil Company of Hillsboro in a managerial capacity until April, 1933. Since the latter date he has been in the service of the state as field agent in the division of oil inspection.

On the 29th of April, 1923, Mr. Hartline was married to Miss Dorothy Mary Crowder, of Bethany, Illinois, a daughter of Reginald and Jennie Mabel (Logan) Crowder. Her father is engaged in the hardware, plumbing and heating business in Bethany, where he still makes his home. His family numbered a daughter and two sons. Mr. and Mrs. Hartline have become the parents of two children, Dorothy Jane and Mary Pauline, aged respectively eight and six years.

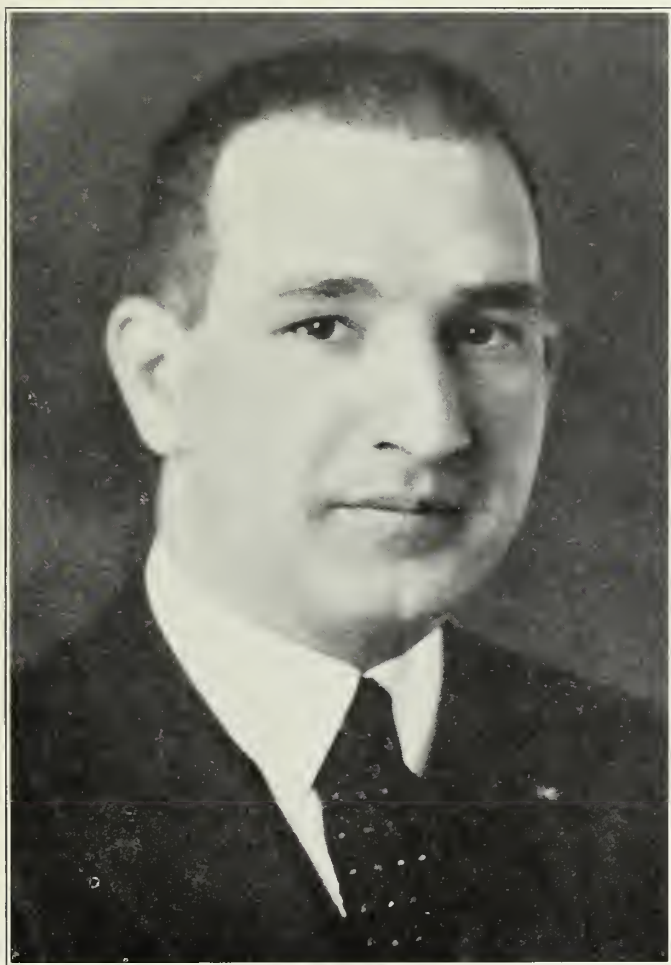
From the time he attained his majority Mr. Hartline has continuously voted with the democratic party and has campaigned in his precinct since sixteen years of age. He was made a committeeman at the age of twenty-one years and is now serving his second term as township clerk. He has been a delegate to various state conventions and at the primaries of 1934 was elected chairman of the Montgomery county central committee. He gives considerable time to organizing the party forces and his efforts are effective and far-reaching. Mr. Hartline is also well known through social connections. He belongs to Hillsboro Lodge of the Loyal Order of Moose and to the Hillsboro Country Club. He is a very enthusiastic hunter and also enjoys fishing and other outdoor sports. He and his family attend St. Paul's Lutheran Church and Mrs. Hartline is president of the Missionary Society and a past president of the Young Ladies' League of the church. She also belongs to the Nameless Bridge Club and the K. S. D. Bridge Club. Mr. and Mrs. Hartline have a circle of friends almost coextensive with the circle of their acquaintance in the city in which our subject has spent his entire life.

CHARLES EARL FLACK

Charles Earl Flack, who has represented his district in the state legislature and who from 1924 until 1934 was secretary of the McDonough county democratic central committee, makes his home in Macomb, where he is actively engaged in law practice. He was born in this city on the 29th of March, 1892, the son of Charles Wesley Flack, who is mentioned at length on another page of this work. In the acquirement of his education he attended the Western Illinois State Teachers College of Macomb and later entered Northwestern University, studying in the liberal arts and law departments until graduated as a law student with the class of 1916. On the 15th of May, 1917, he entered the first officers' training camp at Fort Sheridan, Illinois, and on the 15th of August was commissioned a second lieutenant in the regular army. He went overseas with the Eighth Division in October, 1918, and was transferred to the Fifth Division with the army of occupation at Luxemburg. On the 17th of August, 1919, he returned to the United States and on the 13th of October, 1919, resigned from the army, at which time he was holding the rank of first lieutenant. He remained in the Reserve for four years as captain in the judge advocate general's department.

After his military service in Europe, Mr. Flack returned to his native city, where he entered upon the practice of law, which he has since followed, and although advancement at the bar is proverbially slow, he has made steady progress and his record is a most creditable one. In 1925 he was made city attorney of Macomb and occupied the position continuously for four years or until 1929.

On the 29th of September, 1923, Mr. Flack was united in marriage to Helen Gesler and they are the parents of a son, Charles Haynes. Mr. Flack is a loyal follower of Masonic teachings. He belongs to the local Masonic bodies in Macomb, to the consistory at Quincy, Illinois, and to Mohammed Temple of the



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Mystic Shrine at Peoria. He is likewise identified with the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks and with the American Legion. Politically he has followed in the footsteps of his father and given stalwart allegiance to the democratic party, working earnestly for its success and accomplishing much in winning democratic victories. He served as secretary of the McDonough county democratic central committee for a decade, beginning in 1924, and by appointment he was precinct committeeman from 1928 until 1930. In the latter year he was elected to the position and was reelected in 1932 and again in 1934, so that he has had much to do shaping the policy of the party in this district. For the past fourteen years he has served as a delegate to the state conventions and in 1920 he was elected to the general assembly, while the excellent record which he made during that two years' term led to his re-election in 1922 and thereby he continued in the state legislature for four years. He gave thoughtful and earnest consideration to the vital questions which came up for settlement and worked untiringly for those measures which he deemed of value to the community and commonwealth. He was on the committees on appropriations, judiciary, banks and banking, and military affairs. He is a member of the McDonough County and Illinois State Bar Associations.

MRS. LOUISE (HURLEY) O'CONNOR

Mrs. Louise (Hurley) O'Connor, field agent in the department of rehabilitation at Galesburg, is making a creditable record by the prompt and able manner in which she performs the duties of this position. Mrs. O'Connor is a representative of a well known family here, being a daughter of John and Sarah (Conley) Hurley and a cousin of Edward N. Hurley of Chicago, who was long an outstanding figure among the leading democrats of Illinois. She is the mother-in-law of Hon. Michael L. Igoe, a distinguished attorney and also one of the foremost representatives of Illinois democracy. Her father was born in Ireland and, coming to the new world, took up the occupation of farming in Knox county, Illinois. His study of American politics led him to endorse the principles of democracy. He married Miss Sarah Conley, a native of New Jersey.

Their daughter, Louise Hurley, was accorded liberal educational opportunities, being a graduate of St. Mary of the Woods Academy in Indiana. She became the wife of J. D. O'Connor, a highly respected business man and property owner of Galesburg, who gives his support to the democratic party. Mrs. O'Connor became active in political campaign work in 1928 and since that time has directed much thought and effort to the furtherance of democratic interests in Knox county. She has also served as a member of the school board of Galesburg since 1920 and has the distinction of being the only woman and the only democrat on the board. She belongs to the Business and Professional Women's Club of Galesburg and she is a member of the League of Women Voters. At the present writing she is chairman of the efficiency in government committee for the Knox county unit of the League of Women Voters. On the 10th of October, 1933, she was appointed by Governor Horner to the position of field agent in the department of vocational education, division of rehabilitation, and her field covers ten counties. She thus has comprehensive scope in her work and her labors have been truly beneficial and far-reaching. She attended the democratic national convention in Chicago in 1932 and was particularly active in the campaign work of that year, while at the present writing she is serving as chairman of the Illinois Knox County Democratic Woman's Club, Inc., the oldest organized group of the county. She was also chairman of the Woman's Committee for the Roosevelt ball.

Mr. and Mrs. O'Connor have become parents of two children: Ruth, now the wife of Hon. Michael L. Igoe, a well known attorney of Chicago and a member of the editorial advisory board of Illinois Democracy; and Fred J., who is also

practicing law in the Illinois metropolis. The religious faith of the family is that of the Catholic Church and Mrs. O'Connor is most loyal thereto and to every cause with which she becomes identified. A belief in a movement tends to awaken her earnest support and her activities along all lines have been most intelligently directed.

LAURA BELLE WARDER

Laura Belle Warder, who is master in chancery at Marion, Williamson county, has spent her entire life in the city which is still her home and is a daughter of W. H. and Meta G. (Goodall) Warder. A review of the career of W. H. Warder may be found on another page of this work. Laura B. Warder attended the grade and high schools of Marion and then entered Christian College at Columbia, Missouri, while later she pursued a course in the University of Illinois. After leaving college she became an employe in her father's office, with which she is still connected, and her training has been comprehensive and valuable.

Miss Warder is an active member of the women's clubs of Williamson county and she has taken a prominent and helpful part in campaign work in behalf of democracy. In July, 1933, she was appointed master in chancery, which office she still fills, and her work is systematically done, her efforts proving highly satisfactory to the public. She is a lady of broad and liberal culture who has traveled extensively, making one trip around the world in 1927 which required six months, during which she visited many points of modern and historic interest in various lands.

J. HARLEY HAMMAEK

J. Harley Hammaek, who has the distinction of being the youngest county superintendent of schools in the state of Illinois, occupies that position in Perry county and makes his home near Pinckneyville, where he was born August 23, 1903. He is a son of William Hammaek, who was born in Pinckneyville, Illinois, in 1858, and a grandson of Lewis Hammaek, a native of Kentucky, who was born in 1825 but in 1827 was brought to Illinois. Lewis Hammaek was the fourth circuit clerk in the county, being elected to that office in 1854, and on another occasion he was defeated by only twenty-seven votes for the office of county judge in a district that is usually strongly republican. His son, William Hammaek, became a dairy farmer, following the business in Perry county. He is a staunch democrat and in 1914 was defeated for county judge. He has always been a highly respected citizen of his community whose friends are legion. He married Belle Trefftz, who was born in Pinckneyville, a daughter of Louis Trefftz, a wagon maker. Mrs. Hammaek became the only democrat in her family, the other members giving stalwart allegiance to the republican party.

J. Harley Hammaek passed through consecutive grades in the public schools of Pinckneyville and after leaving high school entered the Southern Illinois State Teachers College at Carbondale, completing his course there in 1925. He has always given his attention to educational work since starting out in life independently. He was a teacher in the schools of Perry county from 1925 until 1931, when he assumed the duties of county superintendent of schools, to which he had been elected the previous fall. He is still the incumbent in the office and was renominated in April, 1934. He is the third democrat ever to hold this office, and something of his ability, widely recognized by his fellow citizens, is shown in the fact he is the youngest county superintendent of schools in the state.

Mr. Hammaek married Nellie Ravenstein, who was born in Mount Carmel, Illinois, a daughter of George Ravenstein, a farmer. Her people were republicans in political faith, but Mrs. Hammaek votes with the democratic party.

and is somewhat active politically. She has become the mother of two sons, Richard and John. Both Mr. and Mrs. Hammaek are members of the Methodist Episcopal Church. Fraternally Mr. Hammaek is a Mason and an Elk, while his college fraternity is the Sigma Alpha Pi, with which he became identified while attending the Southern Illinois State Teachers College. He is also a Rotarian and along more strictly social lines has connection with the Perry County Country Club. He finds recreation in fishing and outdoor life, and he makes his home upon a farm near Pinckneyville.

WILLIAM G. FRANK

William G. Frank, who has the distinction of having served as mayor of Okawville, Washington county, Illinois, for twenty-eight years, is also widely known as a progressive banker of the town, being the president of the First National Bank. His birth occurred in Okawville, in 1872, his parents being John F. and Charlotta (Linek) Frank. The father was born near Wurttemberg, Germany, in 1837 and came to America in his boyhood days. In Baltimore, Maryland, he learned the miller's trade and then by easy stages moved westward through Ohio and Indiana, settling in St. Louis, Missonri, about 1860. A little later he established his home in Okawville, Illinois, where he operated a mill for a St. Louis firm for a time and then established a grain and building materials business on his own account, carrying it on successfully until his death in 1922. He was a supporter of democratic principles because he learned from reading that it was the poor man's party, but many of his German friends and his church shunned him because of his political views. He married Charlotta Linek, of Pennsylvania-Dutch descent. All of her people were democrats and all who married into the Linek family became followers of the party.

After attending the public schools of Okawville, William G. Frank entered the Mound City Business and Commercial College in St. Louis, from which he was graduated in 1889. While pursuing his studies there every day he kept books for his father at night, and the two were afterward associated in business until the latter's death, when William G. Frank sold out. In 1920 he and his father had organized the First National Bank of Okawville, with the latter as president and himself as vice president, and when his father died in 1922, William G. Frank assumed the presidency and has since filled the office. The bank weathered the financial storm and is regarded as a safe and dependable institution. Mr. Frank also has other important business associations, being the owner of the Washington Hotel, which, however, is operated by others, and at one time he was owner of the light and ice plant of Okawville, which he later sold to the Southern Illinois Public Service Corporation.

In politics Mr. Frank has taken a deep and abiding interest and has served as committeeman since 1888, occupying the office for a longer period than any other committeeman in Washington county. For several terms he has been chairman of the county central committee. His devotion to the cause and the persistency of his efforts in a strong republican town finally brought about a democratic victory in 1932. Twenty-eight years ago he was elected mayor of Okawville and thirteen times has been reelected to the office, usually as a non-partisan candidate. He has been a delegate to every democratic state convention and also attended various judicial and senatorial conventions as a delegate, and he acted on the reception committee for William Jennings Bryan in East St. Louis in 1896.

On the 4th of December, 1894, Mr. Frank was married to Miss Bertha Vogele, a daughter of Mike and Rosa Vogele, who were supporters of the republican party, but through the influence of Mr. Frank all of the Vogele family became democrats except the father of Mrs. Frank. Two of her sisters are now very active workers in the party. Mr. and Mrs. Frank have become parents of four children, as follows: Marguerite, who is the wife of Dr. F. A.

Ochs, of Belleville, Illinois, and has one child; Mrs. Kathleen Grattendick, a widow, who resides with her parents; Mercedes, also at home; and William G., Jr., who was graduated from the University of Notre Dame in June, 1934. The religious faith of Mrs. Frank and her children is that of the Catholic Church. Mr. Frank formerly engaged in hunting as a recreation and has long been a baseball fan, greatly enjoying the national game. His is a notable record of continuous service in office, indicative of his loyalty and capability and the confidence reposed in him by his fellow townsmen and co-workers in the political field.

AGNES ANNE KENNEDY

Agnes Anne Kennedy, serving as manager of the Illinois State Employment Bureau at Peoria, is well qualified to fill this position, and holds the distinction of being the first woman superintendent to be appointed by the State Employment Bureau. She has had wide contact with the public through years of service in executive positions and is a leader in the local councils of democracy. On April 8, 1933, she was appointed to her present responsible position by Governor Horner and has fully justified the confidence reposed in her in naming her for the office.

A native of Peoria, Agnes Anne Kennedy is a daughter of James and Bridget (Doyle) Kennedy. The father was born in New York city and came with his parents to Peoria prior to the Civil war. His wife was a native of Kilkenny, Ireland, and a daughter of Thomas and Catherine Doyle, the family having settled in Peoria in 1865. James Kennedy was also a prominent factor in democratic politics and served as commissioner of highways for several terms. To him and his wife were born five children as follows: Agnes A.; John D., who is an undertaker of Peoria; Thomas J., and Edward G., of Peoria; and Mrs. George Greenwald.

Agnes A. Kennedy was educated in the local schools and has always been active in public life. For eighteen years she served as secretary to the late Frank J. Quinn, who was a leader and dictator of Peoria democracy for many years, also a lawyer of outstanding ability. Miss Kennedy's present position came to her in recognition of the service which she had rendered her party and of her ability to perform faithfully the duties of the office. In addition to acting as manager of the Illinois State Employment Bureau in Peoria she is also local manager of the National Re-Employment Bureau in Peoria. On November 15, 1934, while acting as manager of the National Employment Service, Miss Kennedy played an important roll in the emergency program under the National Recovery Act, which program was known as the Public Works Administration of which the Civil Works Administration was a part. Twenty-one registration stations for registering the unemployed were opened by her and operated under her supervision. Miss Kennedy was empowered to assign some four thousand unemployed to the Civil Works Program. The money for carrying on this extensive work for the unemployed was borrowed from the Public Works Administration Fund of \$3,300,000,000.

Her activities likewise cover the field of church work and she has done much work of philanthropic character. She has served as a member of the board of the Catholic Women's League of Peoria and also as trustee of the national organization of the Daughters of Isabella in Peoria. She is a member of the board of the Women's Recreation Camp, which provides summer outings to lesser privileged children. She is a member of the Women's City Club and of the Business and Professional Women's Club. She has likewise served as lieutenant-general of the local N.R.A., and was named in 1934 county chairwoman by John E. Daugherty, chairman of the Peoria County Democratic Committee, which position Miss Kennedy resigned due to press of duties in employment field. Miss Kennedy was elected a delegate to the democratic



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judicial convention held at the courthouse in Peoria, September 13, 1934. Her labors have been far-reaching in scope and important in character and her tasks have ever been most faithfully and loyally performed.

JOSEPH M. HECKELBECH

On the 16th of November, 1933, Joseph M. Heckelbech was appointed deputy collector of internal revenue for the eighth district and is now filling that position, with office in Marion and residence in Zeigler. His life story had its beginning May 12, 1901, for on that day he was born at Odin, Marion county, Illinois. His father, Eugene Heckelbech, a native of France, was born in 1875 and was brought to the United States in 1882, the family home being established in Illinois, where he became a coal miner. His interest in politics has been actively manifested for many years as a strong supporter of the democratic party and he has served for two terms as justice of the peace in Six Mile township, Franklin county. His opinions have long carried weight in the local councils of the party and he occupies prominent place among the democrats of this section. He makes his home in Zeigler. His wife, who bore the maiden name of Clara Stempel, was born in St. Louis, Missouri, and is a daughter of William Stempel, a baker, who has also been a democratic supporter. Mrs. Heckelbech was for two terms president of the democratic women's organization of Six Mile township and served for one term as precinct committeewoman in Clinton county.

Spending his youthful days under the parental roof, Joseph M. Heckelbech attended the public schools of Beckemeyer, Clinton county, and completed a course in the Carlyle high school of that village with the class of 1919. When his textbooks were put aside he secured a clerical position in a bank at Beckemeyer, there remaining for a short period. From 1920 until 1931 he was variously employed at several points in Illinois, acting as clerk, as automobile salesman and in other positions. He also spent one year in Battle Creek, Michigan, working for the Postum Cereal Company. In 1931-32 he was with the Central Illinois Public Service Company and in 1933 he became an automobile salesman, also spending part time by working in the office of the county clerk on tax assessments. On the 16th of November, 1933, he was appointed deputy collector of internal revenue of the eighth district under V. Y. Dallman and is now discharging the duties of that position, while at the same time he is acting as secretary of the democratic county central committee of Franklin county, doing all in his power to promote party development and win party successes.

Mr. Heckelbrech lives with his parents in Zeigler. He is a Mason, loyal to the teachings of the craft, and he greatly enjoys outdoor life and sports, being a Cardinal baseball fan.

IRA W. ELLIS, M.D.

Dr. Ira W. Ellis, the mayor of Murphysboro, has been a successful representative of the medical profession in this city during the past forty-five years. He was born in Franklin, Indiana, in 1858, his parents being John and Susan (Slack) Ellis, the latter a native of Ohio and of Irish descent. His maternal grandfather was a farmer by occupation and a democrat in politics. John Ellis, the father of Dr. Ellis, was born in Hamersville, Ohio, May 10, 1839, and came of German and Welsh ancestry. He engaged in business as a lumber dealer, and in his political views he was a loyal democrat.

Ira W. Ellis acquired his early education as a public school pupil of Franklin, Indiana, and received his professional training at the Indiana Medical College of Indianapolis, then a part of Butler University, from which he was graduated with the M.D. degree in 1883. He began practice in Stinesville, Indiana, there remaining until 1889, when he came to Murphysboro, Illinois.

which city has remained the scene of his professional labors throughout the intervening period of four and a half decades. He is very highly regarded by his professional colleagues and enjoys the confidence of the general public. Aside from his medical practice he has long figured prominently in civic affairs, having served for eight different terms as mayor of Murphysboro since 1897. He is the official incumbent at this writing, for he was last elected to the mayoralty in 1931, and is now working for the establishment of a municipal light plant in Murphysboro, where he was largely responsible for the first paving and also for a considerable part of the sewer system. His has been a businesslike, efficient and progressive administration that has won the commendation and enthusiastic support of his fellow citizens. The religious faith of Dr. Ellis is that of the Christian Church, while fraternally he is affiliated with the Masons, the Elks and the Eagles.

On the 10th of November, 1883, Dr. Ellis was united in marriage to Miss Mary Aenff, a daughter of Chesley Aenff, of German descent, who was a merchant of Monroe county, Indiana. Dr. and Mrs. Ellis are the parents of four children, as follows: Cora, the wife of David McCann; Callie, who is Mrs. Harvey Moore; Esther, the widow of Lloyd Stevens; and Dr. Edward Ellis, who was graduated from the Barnes Medical School of St. Louis in 1915 and is associated in practice with his father. The last named married Pauline Steinle.

HENRY LIEM WEBB, D. D. S.

Dr. Henry Liem Webb, actively engaged in the practice of dentistry in West Frankfort and popularly known as well in democratic circles, was born in Ewing, Franklin county, Illinois, November 20, 1888. His father, Dr. Lewis Munson Webb, was long numbered as a prominent representative of the medical profession in Ewing, where he practiced for thirty-five years. He was a stalwart democrat but never sought or desired office as a reward for party fealty. He numbered William Jennings Bryan among his close personal friends, the latter often visiting in Dr. Webb's office in Ewing. His death occurred March 11, 1906, when he was about fifty-nine years of age, for he was born in Franklin county, Illinois, in 1847. His widow, who bore the maiden name of Wilhelmina Liem, survives him. She is a daughter of Henry Liem, who was a man of gigantic stature and was a well known architect. For many years Mrs. Webb was a teacher of languages and music in Ewing College, a Baptist institution no longer extant. She has two sons, namely: Henry L., of this review; and Lewis Munson, a successful surgeon of St. Louis, Missouri.

After attending the public schools Henry L. Webb entered Ewing College, from which he was graduated in 1907. For a year thereafter he taught school and next entered the Washington University School of Dentistry at St. Louis, where he acquired his D. D. S. degree in 1911. For two years he practiced in Mount Vernon and since that time has maintained an office in West Frankfort, where he has built up an extensive and gratifying practice. At all times he keeps in touch with the latest scientific advances of the profession and his mechanical skill and technical ability are the basic elements in his success.

Dr. Webb's wife was in her maidenhood Miss Birdie Idele Adams, a daughter of Mr. and Mrs. W. T. Adams, of Mount Vernon, Illinois, the former a conductor on the Wabash, Chester & Western Railway. Mrs. Webb was born in Chester, Illinois, one of a family of eight children, seven daughters and one son. She votes with the democratic party, although here people were not supporters of that political faith. Dr. Webb has also always given his allegiance to democracy, and he enjoys the distinction of being a member of the largest family numerically in Franklin county, all of whom are democrats. He has served as precinct committeeman and as vice chairman of the county central committee for six years, being again a candidate for the position. The weight

of his influence is always in support of the party candidates, and loyalty in all matters of progressive citizenship is one of his strong characteristics. He is a life member of West Frankfort Lodge, No. 1340, B. P. O. E., of which he was one of the organizers, and is a faithful follower of the teachings of Masonry. He keeps in touch with the general advancement made in his profession through his connection with the Illinois State Dental Society. He enjoys fishing and golf as a means of rest and recreation and is a charter member of the Franklin County Country Club.

CARL F. STOLL

Carl F. Stoll is manager and editor of the only democratic paper published in Lawrence county—the Lawrence County News, which he has made a strong organ in support of the party. His entire life has been devoted to journalistic interests. Born in Olney, Richland county, Illinois, March 4, 1873, he is a son of Henry and Elizabeth (Schuhmacher) Stoll, who were natives of Germany but came to the United States in 1855, settling in Richland county Illinois. The father served with the Missouri infantry during the civil war and subsequent to his return from the field of hostilities he engaged in the butchering trade, which he made his life work. His first presidential ballot was cast for Abraham Lincoln.

Carl F. Stoll pursued his education in the public schools of Olney to the age of sixteen years, when he began to learn the printer's trade in his home town. In June, 1898, he removed to Lawrenceville, Lawrence county, having secured the position of foreman in the composing room of the Lawrence County News. In 1908, following the death of its owner, O. V. Hardacre, he became manager and editor and in 1928, associated with H. P. Baker, he leased the paper, of which he is now manager and editor. He publishes the News as a supporter of democracy, for he has always been a staunch advocate of party principles and has served as secretary-treasurer of the Lawrence county democratic central committee for several years. For two years he filled the position of city treasurer and for several years was a member of the school board. For the years 1933 and 1934 he was administrator of the Civil Works Administration in Lawrence county.

In 1899 Mr. Stoll was married to Miss Lillie M. Gilbert, a daughter of W. C. and Maria (Wilhelm) Gilbert, the former a pioneer blacksmith of Lawrence county who was a leader of the democratic party in this county during his time, having served as county sheriff two terms of two years each in the 60's. Mr. and Mrs. Stoll have a son, Charles G., who is a graduate of the Lawrenceville high school and of the University of Illinois, in which he completed a medical course, receiving his M. D. degree in 1926. He is now practicing at Sumner, this state.

Mr. Stoll has membership in the Masonic fraternity, belongs to the Rotary Club, of which he is secretary, and is a member of the Chamber of Commerce and of the Southern Illinois Press Association. At the present writing he is chairman of the graphic arts code of the sixteenth district.

LAWRENCE COUNTY NEWS

The Lawrence County News, which has a recognized strength in advancing the interests of the democratic party in this section of Illinois, was organized in 1894 by George Huffman, the first issue of the paper being brought forth in the last week of that year. It was then a republican weekly and was so published until 1896, when during the Bryan campaign it became a free silver democratic paper and has since advocated the measures and the platform of the democratic party. In 1897 it was sold to Captain Ora Havill, who was a radical democrat and who sold the paper in the same year to A. L. Maxwell, who in December, 1897, secured O. V. Hardacre as editor. The latter in 1907 became

sole owner of the paper and so continued until his death in 1908. At that time Carl F. Stoll, who had been foreman of the composing room from 1898, was made manager and editor. Twenty years later, in 1928, Mr. Stoll and H. P. Baker leased the paper from the Hardacre estate, and with Mr. Stoll as manager and editor the Lawrence County News has since been successfully published and has the distinction of being the only democratic paper in the county.

CHARLES W. MILLER

Charles W. Miller, who is serving as chairman of the board of supervisors of Adams county, of which he has been a member since the spring of 1921, has devoted his attention to agricultural pursuits throughout his active career. He still resides on the farm on which he was born in Houston township, Adams county, Illinois, on the 25th of July, 1884. His parents were Lawrence W. and Almira (Willard) Miller, the former born in Westmoreland county, Pennsylvania, February 3, 1853, while the latter, a daughter of Madison Willard, was born in Houston township, Adams county, Illinois, July 19, 1860. The paternal grandparents of our subject were Jacob and Matilda (Ellis) Miller, the former born at Mount Union (now Lyeippus), Westmoreland county, Pennsylvania, in 1819, and the latter near Uniontown, Pennsylvania, in 1826. Jacob Miller served for three years as a Union soldier in the Civil war, participating in the battle of Gettysburg and in several other major engagements. Following the cessation of hostilities he returned to Westmoreland county, Pennsylvania, where he resided until his death in 1880. By his first wife, who bore the maiden name of Matilda Ellis, he had six children, namely: William B., deceased; Lawrence W., deceased, the father of Charles W. Miller; John W., who has also passed away; Hannah, the deceased wife of Samuel Keller; Catherine A., the widow of A. M. Foltz; and Maggie E., who is the widow of John Lancaster and resides in Pueblo, Colorado. The mother of the above named passed away in 1863, and subsequently Jacob Miller married Julia Miller, by whom he had five children, as follows: Minnie, who is the wife of George Blackburn and resides in Lyeippus, Pennsylvania; George, deceased; Harry, a resident of New Jersey; Elsie, the wife of Harry Hegan, of Youngstown, Pennsylvania; and Charles P., who makes his home at La Prairie, Illinois.

Lawrence W. Miller, the father of Charles W. Miller, taught school in Westmoreland county, Pennsylvania, for three years prior to coming to Adams county, Illinois, in 1878. During the two succeeding years he was an instructor in the rural schools of Houston township, Adams county, where he then turned his attention to farming and stock raising, being thus actively and successfully engaged for a third of a century. He served as a member of the board of supervisors of Adams county from 1905 until 1913 and in the latter year took up his abode in Quincy, where he spent the remainder of his life in honorable retirement, passing away in the faith of the Methodist Church on the 19th of March, 1934. On the 7th of March, 1880, he had married Miss Almira Willard, who passed away September 27, 1912, leaving a son and daughter: Charles W., of this review, and Lucy, who resides at 1022 North Second street in Quincy, Illinois.

Charles W. Miller acquired his preliminary educational training in his native township and continued his studies in the Maplewood high school at Camp Point, Illinois. He has devoted his time and energies to the work of the fields since the beginning of his active career, cultivating the farm in Houston township, Adams county, on which he first opened his eyes to the light of day. Industrious and enterprising, he has met with a gratifying measure of prosperity in his undertakings and is numbered among the representative agriculturists and substantial and highly esteemed citizens of the community in which he has always lived. In the spring of 1921 he was chosen a member of the Adams county board of supervisors from Houston township, on which he has served continuously since, having been elected for five two-year terms and for one four-year term. In the spring of 1931 he was elected chairman of the board of super-



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visors, which position he has filled very acceptably to the present time. As a member of the county board he was active in promoting a program of economy and equalizing tax assessments and he has been very active in party affairs as a leader in campaigns.

On the 27th of September, 1904, Mr. Miller was united in marriage to Miss Hettie M. Aaron, daughter of Caleb and Catherine Aaron. Mr. and Mrs. Miller have a son, Philip W., who resides near his father's farm in Houston township, Adams county. Mr. Miller is a member of the Fraternal Order of Eagles.

FORD LEE RENDLEMAN

Ford Lee Rendleman, of Anna, serving for the second term as state's attorney, entered upon the practice of law in 1928. Throughout the intervening period he has been the incumbent in his present office, his reelection coming to him in recognition of the faithful service he has rendered.

Union county numbers Mr. Rendleman among her native sons, his birth having occurred at Alto Pass, October 21, 1892. His father Columbus C. Rendleman, was born near the same village, December 18, 1854, and in early life devoted his attention to farming. He afterward engaged in mercantile business in Alto Pass, but in 1902, on account of failing health, he resumed agricultural life, following both farming and fruit raising. He was a stalwart democrat and a prominent citizen who served as president of the village board, as school director and in other local positions of public trust. He died December 19, 1928. His widow, Mrs. Adelia (Rich) Rendleman, is a daughter of John Rich, a member of a pioneer family of Union county—a family that has always given its allegiance to the democratic party. William J. Rich, brother of Mrs. Rendleman, has been quite active in public life, serving Union county as superintendent of schools and as sheriff, while in Anna he has occupied the office of postmaster.

Ford L. Rendleman attended the public schools of Alto Pass and the high school at Anna and then took up the profession of teaching, occupying the position of high school principal in his native village in 1913 and 1914. In the latter year he was appointed postmaster at Alto Pass but resigned that position to enter a training camp in 1917. However, his resignation was not accepted until 1919. He taught school again in that year for a short period, after which he removed to Anna and entered the abstract business. For some time previously he had been reading law under the direction of Charles C. Crawford and in November, 1927, he took the bar examination and was admitted to practice in February, 1928. The same year he entered the campaign as a candidate for state's attorney, being nominated in the month of April. The November election showed him the choice of the people for the office and he entered upon a four years' term, being reelected in 1932. Practically his entire professional career has been spent as state's attorney and his efficiency is manifest in his continuance in the office at the mandate of public opinion.

On the 14th of February, 1917, Mr. Rendleman was married to Miss Gene Shomaker, a daughter of Samuel J. Shomaker, who comes of a well known family of democrats and who prepared the history of Jackson county for this publication. Mr. and Mrs. Rendleman have three children: Mary Jo, thirteen years of age; John S., aged seven; and David, five. The family resides in Anna, where Mr. Rendleman is filling local office as city attorney, while he is also village attorney of Cobden. Mrs. Rendelman was president of the Women's Democratic Club in 1932 and both she and her husband are Presbyterians in religious faith while fraternally the latter is a Mason and a Modern Woodman.

BRANTLEY E. KERLEY

Brantley E. Kerley, county judge of Alexander county and a resident of Cairo, has been renominated for the bench without opposition. Such a record

needs little comment, as it indicates clearly the confidence and trust reposed in him as a public official. Judge Kerley was born in Simpson, Johnson county, Illinois, December 13, 1882, and in the same house occurred the birth of his father, Allen Douglas Kerley, whose natal day was September 16, 1860. He was the youngest of a family of thirteen children and he has followed farming and also practiced veterinary surgery. In politics, too, he has taken an active and helpful interest and served for two terms as road commissioner in a district that was overwhelmingly republican, while likewise he has labored for the benefit of his community in the office of school director. Allen D. Kerley has also filled the office of precinct committeeman and has labored untiringly to win democratic successes for the candidates of the party. He married Amanda May Dora McKee, who was the third in the family of ten children of William A. McKee. Mrs. Kerley is also a representative of the democratic party, as have been the various members of the McKee family. Mr. and Mrs. Kerley make their home in Simpson, where they are widely known occupying an enviable position in social circles.

Brantley E. Kerley supplemented his rural school training by two years' study in the Southern Illinois State Teachers College at Carbondale and later was graduated from the Hamilton College of Law in Chicago but never practiced. He taught for five years in Johnson county, and one year as principal of a business college. In 1909 he came to Cairo, where he took up accounting, being employed as bookkeeper and office manager with various firms until 1930, when he was elected county judge of Alexander county, and as he neared the close of his first term of four years he was renominated without opposition on the 10th of April, 1934.

The 28th of January, 1906, was the wedding day of Judge Kerley and Bessie Mae Gray, the latter also born in Simpson, her parents being T. F. and Melinda Gray. Although Mrs. Kerley's people are republicans, she is an active democrat. By her marriage she has become the mother of three children: Dwight L., who is a graduate of the Southern Illinois State Teachers College and lives in Cairo; Geraldine, who graduated from the Cairo high school in 1929, and is now the wife of H. L. Stern, of Peoria; and Betty Gray, now eleven years of age. The son and older daughter both vote the democratic ticket, although they have married into republican families. Mr. Kerley is a member of the Masonic fraternity and the Modern Woodmen of America and formerly was identified with the Knights of Pythias, while his religious faith is that of the Presbyterian Church, in which he is serving as elder. He was formerly vice president of the Kiwanis Club of Cairo and his hobby has long been the welfare of boys and girls. He seeks in every way possible to further the interests of the youth of his community and to inculcate into their lives those high principles which will make for upright manhood and womanhood.

HON. LOUIE E. LEWIS

Hon. Louie E. Lewis, editor and state legislator, residing in Christopher, utilizes his paper, the Christopher Progress, as well as his office, for the furtherance of democratic interests in Illinois. He was born in Franklin county, Illinois, July 20, 1893, in the same house in which his father, A. F. Lewis, first opened his eyes to the light of day on the 25th of August, 1859. He is of Welsh descent. Some generations ago representatives of the name came from Wales and the family has since been represented in South Carolina, but branches of the family have removed westward, settlement being made in Tennessee, whence the grandfather of Louie E. Lewis came to Illinois, settling on a farm in Franklin county. The old family homestead which was the birthplace of A. F. Lewis, father of L. E. Lewis, is still his place of residence and his entire life has been devoted to agricultural pursuits there. He has never held office other than that of school director, but he is "known far and wide for his native wisdom, his hospitality and his perpetual youth. His chief pleasure is playing games

with his grandchildren, as he did in former years with his children." He married Louisana Galloway, who was also born in Franklin county and is a daughter of Milton Galloway, one of the early and progressive pioneer residents of this section of the state. It was he who brought the first steam thrasher to Franklin county and he was the first subscriber to a daily newspaper in the county, the journal costing him sixteen dollars per year. He and all of his family were supporters of the democratic party. Mr. and Mrs. A. F. Lewis reared a family of ten children, all of whom are yet living, all giving their support to the democratic party and all recognized as outstanding citizens. There are likewise thirty-six grandchildren in the Lewis family.

The rural schools of Franklin county accorded Louie E. Lewis his early educational opportunities and later he attended the Southern Illinois State Teachers College at Carbondale. He then taught school for ten years, after which he became paymaster for the Rend Coal Company, a position which he occupied for five years or until 1921. He has given his undivided attention to newspaper publication since that date and in 1924 became editor of the Sesser Herald, published at Sesser, Franklin county, Illinois. In 1925 with his brothers he purchased the Christopher Progress, a democratic paper, and he and his brothers incorporated the Lewis Brothers Publishing Company, which has since issued the paper. Its columns have ever been devoted to the interests of democracy and the success of the party in Franklin county is attributable in no small measure to the influence exerted by the Progress. Recognition of his devotion to the party and his capability for public service came in the election of Louie E. Lewis to the state legislature in 1932, and that his record in the house has received the commendation of the party is indicated in the fact that he was again made the nominee for the office at the primary in 1934.

On July 26, 1911, Mr. Lewis was married to Miss Flora A. Overturf, a native daughter of Franklin county, Illinois. Her father, Jacob Overturf, is a well known farmer and democrat. Mrs. Lewis has also been active politically and has been a member of the democratic women's county organization. By her marriage she has become the mother of six children, as follows: Geneva, who is a senior at the Southern Illinois State Teachers College; Eugene, also a student at the Southern Illinois State Teachers College; Bertha May, who is attending high school; Max; Betty Lou; and Lonie E., Jr. Mrs. Lewis belongs to the Christian Church and to the Order of the Eastern Star, while Mr. Lewis is a faithful exemplar of the teachings and purposes of the Masonic fraternity.

ALLEN KING

On the roster of officials in Crawford county appears the name of Allen King, who is filling the office of county clerk and who makes his home in Robinson. He was born in this county, January 29, 1894, a son of Michael and Alice (Layton) King. The mother was also born in Crawford county, where her people settled in 1860, removing to Illinois from Virginia. Michael King was a native of Dayton, Ohio, and was of German lineage, his people having come from Germany to the United States in 1859. They lived in Dayton until 1861 and then came to Crawford county, Illinois, where Michael King followed the occupation of farming as a life work. He was a staunch democrat, held various township offices and also served on the school board. His death occurred in 1932, but his widow still survives.

At the usual age Allen King became a pupil in the rural schools near his father's home and continued his education in the Hutsonville high school, from which he was graduated in 1915. He next attended the Central Normal College at Danville, Indiana, for a year and then took up the profession of teaching, which he followed until 1917, when he enlisted for service in the United States Army. He was sent to Camp Taylor as a clerk in the field artillery school and after five months there was transferred to the Three Hund-

red and Twenty-fifth Field Artillery, remaining at West Point, Kentucky, for three months, at the end of which time his outfit was sent overseas. Following the close of hostilities he received his discharge at Camp Grant on the 21st of March, 1919.

Returning home, Mr. King remained with his father on the farm until 1930, when he was elected county clerk and has since been the incumbent in the office, the consensus of public opinion being that he must promptly and efficiently discharge his duties. From 1920 until 1922 he had represented Hutsonville township on the county board of supervisors. He has always been active in support of the entire ticket and in 1932 was one of the organizers of the Jeffersonian Club of Crawford county.

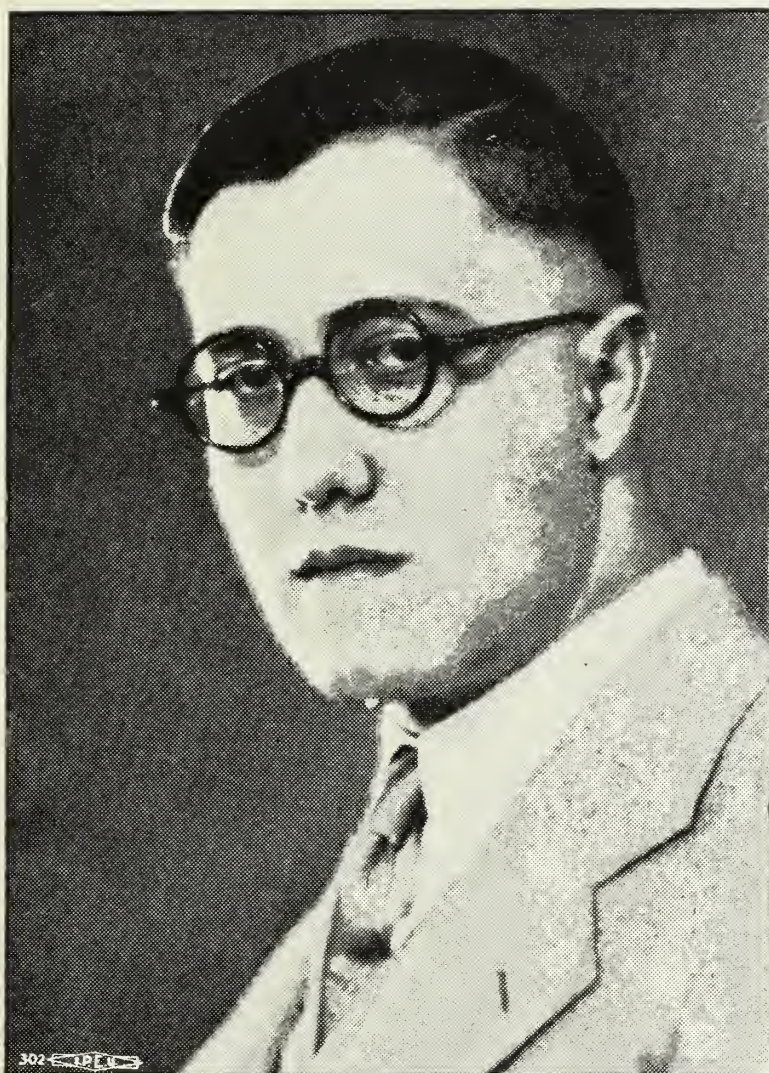
On the 14th of August, 1932, Mr. King was married to Miss Mabel Lindley, a native of Crawford county, Illinois, and a daughter of Edward and Mary A. (Rains) Lindley. Her father, who was an earnest advocate of democratic principles, held various township offices and also served on the school board. His occupation was farming. Mrs. King, like her husband, is interested in politics and is a member of the Crawford County Women's Democratic Club. Mr. King belongs to the Loyal Order of Moose and is a popular member of the American Legion, being a past commander and now post adjutant of Ernest M. Conlter Post, No. 69. His loyalty in matters of citizenship stands as an unquestioned fact in his life record and at all times he gives his aid and co-operation to every project and measure which he believes will promote the civic development or advance the welfare of his community.

C. GLENN COLBURN

The office of state's attorney of Cass county is ably filled by C. Glenn Colburn, a resident of Virginia, who was born in Chandlerville, Cass county, October 11, 1907. His father, W. H. Colburn, was born in Loami, Sangamon county, Illinois, July 10, 1870, and has followed farming practically through his entire life. He is a veteran of the Spanish-American war, having espoused the cause of the country when America entered into armed conflict with Spain. He married Ollie Milstead, who was born in Chandlerville, Illinois, March 11, 1872.

The parents established their home in Chandlerville and their son, C. Glenn, attended the public schools of the village, passing through consecutive grades to his graduation from the high school with the class of 1925. For three years he was a student in the Illinois Wesleyan University at Bloomington and then determined upon the practice of law as a life work. In preparation therefor he spent three years in the Lincoln College of Law in Springfield, being numbered among its alumni of 1931. In January of the following year he began practice at Virginia, where he has since remained, and the number of his clients is constantly increasing. He served as city attorney during the year 1932 and in the fall of that year was elected state's attorney on the democratic ticket without republican opposition, his entire time and attention being concentrated upon his professional duties, which he faithfully discharges. He was nominated state's attorney at the April primaries in 1932, by receiving a majority of the votes cast in every township in the county except Hegner township, losing it by only one vote to his opponent, Samuel R. Turner, an attorney of more than sixteen years' experience in Cass county.

On the 22d of January, 1929, Mr. Colburn was married to Miss Florence Blair, a daughter of James and Carrie Blair, and they now have one son, Billy Gene. Mr. Colburn belongs to the Independent Order of Odd Fellows, to the Masonic lodge in Virginia, Illinois, and to the Christian Church, and in these associations are indicated the nature of his interest and the rules which govern his conduct, making him one of the highly esteemed residents of his native county.



C. GLENN COLBURN

JOEL THOMAS TIMBERLAKE

Joel Thomas Timberlake has been connected with educational interests in Wabash county since 1901 and since 1922 has occupied the responsible position of county superintendent of schools. He makes his home in Mount Carmel and from his office here directs the activities of the county educational system, having introduced various progressive measures and improvements during the twelve years in which he has filled the office. A native of Indiana, he was born in Perry county, February 18, 1878, and is a son of John Thomas and Elizabeth (Jones) Timberlake, who were also natives of the Hoosier state. The father followed the occupation of farming as a life work save at the time of the Civil war, when, responding to the call of the Union, he joined the army as a member of Company E, Forty-ninth Indiana Volunteer Infantry. In politics he was always an earnest advocate of democratic principles and an active party worker.

In the public schools of Perry county, Indiana, Joel T. Timberlake pursued his early education and after attending high school entered the Southern State Normal University at Carbondale. He was graduated in 1897 and for one year thereafter engaged in teaching in his native county. The year 1901 witnessed his arrival in Mount Carmel and thereafter he taught school continuously in Wabash county until his election in 1922 to the superintendency of the county schools. The excellent service which he rendered in this connection led to his re-election in 1926 and again he was a successful candidate for the office in 1930 and in 1934. He has been active in democratic politics since attaining his majority and always works for the support of the entire ticket.

In 1901 Mr. Timberlake was married to Miss Maude E. Beard, a native of Indiana, and they have become parents of four children: Lochell W., Anim Aldrich, Dorothy E. and Mildred E., all living in Mount Carmel. Mr. Timberlake is a member of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows and his wife belongs to the ladies' auxiliary, the Rebekahs, and to the Women's Relief Corps. He is likewise connected with the Kiwanis Club and is an interested and active member of the Christian Church, in which he is serving as a deacon. In the line of his chosen profession he is connected with the Illinois State Teachers Association and is a member of the State Teachers Spelling Committee and the State Teachers Reading Circle. He also belongs to the Superintendents of Schools Association of Illinois and is the president of the Wabash County Teachers Association. He is always alert to any idea or plan that will advance educational interests and keeps abreast with the most modern thought and progressive methods related to his chosen calling.

WALLER M. BUCKHAM

Waller M. Buckham, clerk of the appellate court at Mount Vernon, is a young man of dynamic qualities whose leadership has been strongly manifest in democratic organizations of the forty-sixth district of Illinois. Born in Jefferson county, this state, August 10, 1895, he is a son of Richard F. and Katherine (Chance) Buckham. His maternal ancestors had settled in Marion county, Illinois, at an early day and there Katherine Chance was born at Salem, a daughter of Jacob and Emily (Merritt) Chance. Mrs. Jacob Chance had three brothers who figured prominently in politics as supporters of the democratic party, namely: Thomas E. Merritt, of Salem, who served for several terms in the Illinois state legislature; Edward Merritt, of Springfield, who was also a member of the Illinois general assembly for several terms; and General Wesley Merritt, an officer of the Civil war, who was later commandant at West Point. Jacob Chance, the maternal grandfather of Waller M. Buckham, was elected on the democratic ticket to the office of clerk of the supreme court of his division and served for several terms, being in fact the incumbent of the position at the time of his death.

Richard F. Buckham, the father of our subject, was born in Kentucky and was a graduate of the College of Pharmacy of that state. He arrived in Mount Vernon, Illinois, in 1891 and after clerking in a drug store for a brief period established a business of his own along similar lines, conducting one of the finest drug stores of the city from that time forward until his death in 1932, when it was taken over by his son, Richard F. Buckham, Jr., who had been associated with him in business. The father was prominent in all democratic and civic activities of his community, was a liberal donor to projects which he deemed of public benefit and never faltered in his allegiance to a cause which he espoused. On the death of his father-in-law, Jacob Chance, he was called to fill out the unexpired term of supreme court clerk. Richard F. Buckham is survived by his wife, Mrs. Katherine Buckham, who still resides in Mount Vernon. They were the parents of three sons, of whom Waller M. is the eldest. The second son, Marvin C., has passed away, while the third son, Richard F., is now owning and conducting the drug store at Mount Vernon established by his father. He married Cornelita Page.

Waller M. Buckham attended the grammar and high schools of Mount Vernon, Illinois, and then entered a business college at St. Louis, after which he was employed in the money order department of the United States mail service at Washington, D. C., in New York and later in St. Louis, thus continuing until January, 1917, when he enlisted in the United States Navy, receiving his discharge in March, 1918, on account of injuries sustained. He then returned to Mount Vernon, where he was associated with his father in the drug business until 1928 when he established an automobile business on his own account. He still retains his interest in the garage, although his time and attention are now largely occupied with official duties. It was in November, 1932, that he was elected on the democratic ticket to the office of clerk of the appellate court of the fourth district, comprising the thirty-four southern counties of the state. Even before he had attained his majority he had become an enthusiastic worker in the ranks of the democratic party and in 1924 he was elected coroner of Jefferson county, and in 1928 was elected secretary of the Jefferson county Democratic central committee. He attends all the state democratic conventions as a visitor and has frequently been a delegate to various congressional and judicial conventions. It is worthy of note that in 1926 he was the unsuccessful candidate for the office which he now fills, and since being elected to the position he has made a most commendable record, receiving the endorsement of even his political opponents.

On the 16th of June, 1920, at Mount Vernon, Mr. Buckham was united in marriage to Miss Bernadine Weber, a daughter of R. K. and Iva (Hill) Weber, members of a pioneer family of Jefferson county. Her father was vice president of the Mount Vernon Car Manufacturing Company for many years and is now president of the corporation, which is the largest manufacturing concern of the city. He is likewise prominent and active in all civic affairs, being a recognized leader in many movements which have to do with public interests. Mr. and Mrs. Buckham have become parents of a son and a daughter: Weber, aged eleven; and Marilyn, nine years of age. Mr. and Mrs. Buckham attend the Presbyterian Church and she is a member of the Women's Democratic Club of Jefferson county. Mr. Buckham was one of the organizers of the Jeffersonian Club of the forty-sixth district, with which he is still connected, and he belongs to the Young People's Democratic Club of Jefferson county. Fraternally he is an Elk and has filled all the chairs in his local lodge. In Masonry he has attained the thirty-second degree of the Scottish Rite, and he belongs also to the Modern Woodmen of America and the American Legion and is business manager of its Drum Corps. He has membership in the Lions Club and in fact is associated with all of the major activities which have to do with the social, intellectual, moral and civic progress of his community.

FRANCIS EUGENE WILLIAMSON

A well known figure in conventions of the democratic party is Francis Eugene Williamson, a practicing attorney of Urbana, Champaign county. He has been an active party worker since attaining his majority and at the present writing he is serving as city attorney and corporation counsel of Urbana.

Mr. Williamson was born in Mount Summit, Indiana, February 17, 1872, his parents being Joseph S. and Rebecca (Lee) Williamson. While spending his youthful days under the parental roof he attended the grade and high schools and he afterward studied for four years in the Central Normal College at Danville, Indiana, and in Austin College, Effingham, Illinois. He likewise took a four years' course in the Georgetown University at Washington, D. C., spending the time there as a law student. At his graduation in 1903 he was accorded the LL. B. degree and in 1904 the degree of LL. M., and he was admitted to practice at the Illinois bar in 1904. He has since given his attention to his professional interests and has steadily worked his way upward as a capable attorney.

On the 24th of June, 1905, in Champaign county, Illinois, Mr. Williamson was united in marriage to Miss Etta C. Creamer and they are the parents of three children, namely: Frances R., Jo C. and Espey C. Mr. Williamson belongs to the Knights of Pythias and to the Tribe of Ben Hur and along strictly social lines is connected with the Champaign Country Club. He belongs to the Presbyterian Church, in the work of which he is actively interested, having served for several years on the board of trustees. As a political leader he has always been loyal to democracy and the confidence reposed in him by his fellow citizens is indicated in the fact that he has thrice been elected to represent his district in the general assembly, his elections being in 1913, 1915 and 1923. He left the impress of his individuality upon the legislative records of those periods, for he carefully considered all vital problems and his support of a measure was indisputable evidence of his belief in its fairness and in its beneficial elements. He was the democratic candidate for circuit judge in his district to fill a vacancy in the year 1931. He has attended many party conventions and Champaign county classes him with her leading representatives of the democratic party.

RILEY McCLAIN

Riley McClain, a member of the Paris bar, where he has practiced since 1928, was born at Arcola, Douglas county, Illinois, August 17, 1905, his parents being Elmer and Cora (Dolan) McClain. The father was born in Edgar county, being a representative of a family that was established in the county in 1829, his relatives here being among the earliest settlers. For a number of years Elmer McClain followed the occupation of farming and later became a grain dealer in Edgar and in Douglas counties. In politics he was ever a staunch democrat but not an office seeker, preferring that his public service should be done as a private citizen. He died July 1, 1933, and is yet survived by his widow, who was born in Moultrie county, Illinois, and now resides in Metcalf, this state.

Riley McClain acquired a public school education in Metcalf, completing the high school course, and then studied for six years in the University of Illinois, winning the Bachelor of Science degree in 1926 and the Bachelor of Laws degree in 1928. After thus qualifying for the bar he began active practice in Paris, where he has since continued.

Mr. McClain has always been an earnest worker in democratic circles since attaining his majority and in 1932 he was instrumental in organizing the Edgar County Jeffersonian Club, of which he is the president. He has attended several congressional and judicial conventions as a delegate, also the local democratic conventions, and he was a visitor at the national convention held in Chicago in 1932. His knowledge of political principles and procedure

is comprehensive and exact and he always has strong reason for the faith that is within him.

Fraternally Mr. McClain is affiliated with the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks and along strictly professional lines is identified with the Edgar County Bar Association, of which he was secretary for five years, and with the Illinois Bar Association, in which he has been particularly active as a member of the grievance committee, charged with the investigation of alleged cases of unethical practice of law.

GRIFFIN WATKINS

A forceful executive, each change in the business career of Griffin Watkins has marked a forward step that has brought him a broader outlook and wider opportunities. Thus steadily advancing, he has come to the important position of manager of the Wood River tannery of the International Shoe Company at Hartford, one of the leading business enterprises in southwestern Illinois, and controlling director of the International Shoe Company of St. Louis, Missouri. He was born in Nashville, Tennessee, February 13, 1877, a son of William E. and Jennie G. (Griffin) Watkins. The mother, a native of Ireland, was brought to the new world in her childhood days. The father was born in Tennessee and during the Civil war served in the Confederate Army under Generals Forrest and Bragg. He devoted his life to the occupation of farming and he gave his political support to the democratic party, taking an active interest in local affairs and serving as justice of the peace for many years.

In the pursuit of his education Griffin Watkins attended the public schools of Nashville and Memphis and also completed a course in a business college. He started out to provide for his own support when seventeen years of age, working in the shoe factory of Goodbar & Company of Memphis at seven dollars per week as an assistant in the office. He remained with the company for thirteen years and, leaving the office, occupied various positions in the plant until advancement made him a foreman. As a representative of that company he went to the penitentiary plant at Nashville in charge of the office and after a few years was sent to Eddyville, Kentucky, as superintendent of the company's plant there. In 1907 he went to Washington, Missouri, where he installed a shoe plant for Roberts Johnson & Rand, acting as superintendent thereof until 1919, when he came to Hartford, Madison county, Illinois, and was made superintendent of the Wood River tannery of the International Shoe Company. Since Mr. Watkins has taken charge here the plant has been doubled in capacity and furnishes employment to twelve hundred and fifty people. Throughout his business career his duties and responsibilities have continually increased as he has shown capability in handling large and important affairs and thus gradually he has been advanced, his efforts contributing in substantial measure to the growth and success of the corporations which he has represented.

In November, 1916, Mr. Watkins was married to Miss Ruth Bradley, of St. Louis, Missouri, and they have four children: Cynthia Jane, Ruth, Gladys and Lois. Mrs. Watkins is a very active member of the First Presbyterian Church of Alton. Mr. Watkins is prominent in Masonic circles, having attained the thirty-second degree of the Scottish Rite in the St. Louis consistory, and he is also identified with the Mystic Shrine at East St. Louis and with the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks. For many years he has been a member of the Rotary Club. In politics he has always been a staunch democrat and he has given liberally of his time and means for party successes. In a word he is regarded as one of the democratic leaders of his section of the state but he has never asked for nor desired office, preferring to concentrate his attention upon the important business interests under his direction. He resides in the Fairmont addition of Alton. His hobbies are golf, horseback riding, fishing, quail and duck hunting, and deer hunting in southwestern



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Texas, and elk, bear and gronse hunting in the Jackson Hole country in Wyoming.

Mr. Watkins is familiarly known to both old and new friends as "Griff" a nickname he has carried since his early boyhood days down on the farm in Tennessee. His father taught him to ride and shoot as well as to do the various tasks incident to farm life. He likewise taught him to tell the truth at all times. When Mr. Griffin was fifteen years of age he raised a crop of twenty-five acres of corn and the following winter chopped cord wood for sixty cents a cord. Incidentally he still considers this wood chopping the hardest work that he ever did. The motto he has followed throughout his entire life is that anything worth doing is worth doing right.

ARTHUR W. LILIENSTEIN

Arthur W. Lilienstein, an attorney of Petersburg, is also an officeholder, serving as master in chancery. The official positions which he has held have always been in the direct line of his profession and he has been closely associated with the work of the courts since admitted to the bar a quarter of a century ago. Born in Petersburg, Menard county, January 18, 1885, he is a son of Meyer and Rebecca (Hammerslough) Lilienstein, the former a native of Germany and the latter of South Carolina. The father followed the occupation of farming and raising live stock throughout his active business career, and he ever gave his political allegiance to the democratic party.

After attending the public schools of Petersburg, Arthur W. Lilienstein enrolled as a student in the University of Illinois. He pursued his law course in the Northwestern University School of Law and was admitted to the bar in 1909. Throughout the intervening period he has practiced in his native city and notwithstanding the fact that "a prophet is never without honor save in his own country," he has made steady progress, having long enjoyed a liberal clientele. Moreover, he has frequently been called to office in the line of his profession, serving as city attorney for eleven years. He was also assistant state's attorney for a year and a half under Julian H. Hall and in 1921 became master in chancery, which office he still fills, discharging his duties in a prompt and businesslike manner. The democratic party has long considered him an outstanding figure in Menard county, where he has served as precinct committeeman and as secretary and vice chairman of the county central committee. He is now senatorial committeeman, being chairman of the thirtieth senatorial district, and he has done efficient work for the party organization in his section of the state. In fraternal circles Mr. Lilienstein is well known through his membership in the Masonic lodge and the Independent Order of Odd Fellows. He has always lived in Petersburg, covering a period of almost a half century, and that his has been an active, useful and well spent life is indicated in the warm friendship that is accorded him by many with whom he has been associated.

BENJAMIN FRANKLIN DETERS

Benjamin Franklin Deters, who is engaged in farming in Effingham county and is a 1934 candidate for sheriff, was born November 8, 1886, in the county where he still resides, being a son of Joseph and Katherine (Taphorn) Deters, the latter a native of this state. The father, who was born in Holland, left the land of the dikes in 1874 to become a resident of the new world and settled at Tentopolis, Effingham county, Illinois, where he was employed by his uncle, who had preceded him to America. Later Joseph Deters engaged in farming and in raising stock and grain on his own account and prospered in his undertakings. Subsequently he devoted his attention to the real estate business and to mereantile interests at Dieterich and was accounted one of the active, progressive and prosperous business men of the town. At the present time he is living retired, enjoying a rest which he has truly earned and richly deserves.

In politics he has always been a staunch democrat. His wife passed away in the year 1927.

The public schools of Dieterich accorded Benjamin F. Deters his educational opportunities. He was reared to farm life and after leaving school he bought and sold cattle and horses for a period of five years. He then entered the saloon business, in which he continued until 1917, when the call to arms seemed the paramount issue in his life. He enlisted in the Three Hundred and Twenty-seventh Field Artillery, with which he served for seventeen months, spending six months of this period overseas, after which he was discharged from Camp Grant on the 19th of January, 1919. With his return home he entered the restaurant business, which he carried on until 1922. He then sold out and afterward conducted a pool room until 1928, and since that time he has given his attention to farming, raising both grain and live stock. He employs modern methods in the care of his fields and annually gathers substantial crops as the reward of his labors.

Mr. Deters has always been active in democratic politics and in 1919 he was elected assessor of Bishop township, in which position he has served continuously since, covering a period of fifteen years. He was also chief of police of Dieterich for one year and special deputy sheriff for six years. He attends all of the local meetings of the democratic party, ever supports the entire ticket at the polls and is an interested member of the Jeffersonian Club. On the 10th of April, 1934, he was nominated by his party for the office of sheriff of Effingham county and is now the candidate for the position.

In 1910 Mr. Deters was married to Mrs. Marie (Petery) Bremner, a daughter of William and Anna Petery, who were pioneer residents of Jasper county, Illinois. Mrs. Deters is also active in democratic circles, has membership in the Jeffersonian Club and in the Effingham County Democratic Women's Organization. She recognizes the duties and obligations as well as the privileges of citizenship and labors to support those principles which she deems an effective force in good government. Mr. Deters has membership in Dieterich Post, No. 628, of the American Legion, of which he has three times served as commander, and he also belongs to Hoffmann Post, No. 1769, of the Veterans of Foreign Wars.

VIRGIL H. DUVALL

Virgil H. Duvall, attorney at law practicing at Aledo, is well known not only by reason of his success in his profession but also as a lecturer and as a supporter of democracy. In the latter field he has labored consistently and effectively and in the campaign of 1932 was one of Illinois' selected campaign speakers.

Mr. Duvall was born in Dallas City, Hancock county, Illinois, December 13, 1893, a son of Charles E. and Naomi (Fleming) Duvall. The father is a coal dealer and well known business man of his community. Politically he has always supported the democratic party and for eight years he served as postmaster of Aledo under President Wilson. He is still a well known and favored resident of Aledo.

In the high school of this city Virgil H. Duvall completed his public school course and afterward entered the University of North Dakota, from which he was graduated with the Bachelor of Arts degree in 1915. He made preparation for his professional career at the University of Illinois, where as a law student in 1917 he was accorded the LL. B. degree. In the fall of the same year he entered the military service of his country in connection with the ordinance department and received his discharge in January, 1919. In the meantime he had been commissioned a second lieutenant, taking his officer's oath in Washington, D. C.

In March, 1919, Mr. Duvall entered upon the active practice of law in Aledo, where he has since remained, devoting his attention to his professional duties.

He is attorney for the receivers of the Aledo State Bank, of Aledo, the Farmers State Bank and the Preemption State Bank, both of Preemption, Illinois, and the Bank of New Windsor, of New Windsor, this state. He never neglects the duties of citizenship and has always been an active democrat. For a time he filled the office of city attorney and on one occasion he was the unsuccessful candidate for state's attorney. Formerly he was secretary of the democratic county central committee and he was one of the state's speakers in the 1932 campaign. Since 1919 he has been a delegate to all of the judicial conventions. Deeply interested in municipal welfare, he is now serving for the third year as president of the board of education of Aledo and for fifteen years he has been a member of the board of directors of the public library.

On the 30th of June, 1921, Mr. Duvall was united in marriage to Miss Judith Peterson, of Princeton, Illinois, who was an instructor in home economics prior to her marriage. She has taken a very active part in both church and club work. Mr. and Mrs. Duvall attend and hold membership in the Presbyterian Church, and he has always been a thorough student of religion and has done much to further the church work. Moreover, he has many times delivered a public lecture on "The Trial of Christ From a Legal Point of View." His lectures are given under the auspices of Kiwanis clubs and churches in a radius of fifty miles. In Masonry he has attained the thirty-second degree of the Scottish Rite and is now second lieutenant commander of Moline Consistory. He served two years as grand master of Aledo Lodge, No. 252, A. F. & A. M., and was district deputy grand master for the thirty-seventh Masonic district. His college fraternity is the Sigma Chi and his legal fraternity the Phi Delta Phi. Mr. Duvall is a man who has ever been actuated by high principles and ideals and his entire record is one of steady progress along material, intellectual, social and moral lines.

OTHO NILE SPRAGUE

Otho Nile Sprague, who was a well known and highly honored druggist of Pawnee, was born in what is now New Albany, Indiana, near Muncie, October 18, 1850, a son of Joshua and Valinda (Martin) Sprague, who removed to Indiana from Ohio. Soon after the birth of their son Otho they returned to the Buckeye state, settling near Marietta, and the son pursued his education in the public schools of Blue Mound, Ohio. The year 1865 witnessed the arrival of the family in Sangamon county, Illinois, and the father, who was a physician, practiced his profession near Kinderhook for one year, then took up a government claim at Randall, Illinois and practicing until 1879, when he moved to Springfield, maintaining an office on the east side of the square until his death, which occurred in 1882.

At the age of seventeen years Otho N. Sprague started out in the business world by obtaining employment in Crookers drug store in Taylorville, Illinois, and the experience thus gained led to his permanent interest in the drug business. After a year he went to Enreka College in Enreka, Illinois, and following his graduation there he established a drug store in Waverly, Illinois. He moved to Peabody, Kansas, remaining there in the drug business until 1880 when he returned to Illinois, and locating at Springfield, on the corner of 6th and Washington, known as the Sprague and Hamlin drug store. In 1889 he came to Pawnee and bought the Claytons drug store, which he conducted until his death, June 26, 1933. At that time he was the oldest druggist in the state in years of continuous connection with the trade and at all times he maintained high business standards, while his methods would ever bear the closest investigation and scrutiny. When he passed away he was the oldest merchant on the Square in years of continuous connection with the commercial interests of Pawnee.

On the 13th of June, 1877, Mr. Sprague was married in Massillon, Ohio, to Miss Ella Crooks, a daughter of Jonathan and Rebecca (Murray) Crooks,

of that state. Her birth occurred November 5, 1856, and she acquired her education in the grammar and high schools of Massillon. Of the four children of this marriage, twins died in infancy. A daughter, Pearl, is now conducting the drug business left by her father. The surviving son, Otho, Jr., who for thirty years engaged in business with his father but is now a farmer in Pawnee township, Sangamon county, married Gertrude Harris and has two children: Otho (III), now attending the Pawnee high school; and Garrie Martin, a public school pupil.

Mr. Sprague, whose name introduces this review, was a delegate to the democratic national convention held in Chicago in 1896, when William Jennings Bryan received the presidential nomination. He was always a most earnest and inflexible supporter of the democratic party. His wife was at one time a believer in republican principles, but his arguments converted her to the democratic faith. Many times official preferment was offered him, but he would never accept political positions. He possessed more than ordinary literary ability, was the author of many poems and also several works on inspiration and on evolution. With the contents of the Bible he was thoroughly familiar and he wrote a critical review of the famous Darrow case of a few years ago. At his death his funeral was attended by fourteen hundred people and he was laid to rest in Horse Creek cemetery near Pawnee. He had long been a member and loyal supporter of the Presbyterian Church, of which his wife was a charter member. Their entire lives were actuated by high Christian principles and their sterling worth of character gained them a circle of friends that was practically coextensive with the circle of their acquaintance. Mr. Sprague was indeed long an honored resident of Pawnee and his memory remains an inspiration to all who came in contact with him.

His daughter, Pearl Sprague, now conducting the drug store which her father founded, attended the public schools of Pawnee and afterward studied art and music in a convent at Alton, Illinois. Later she taught those two subjects privately for a time and she has won all of the prizes allowed to one person for still life and figure art and for needlework at the state fairs, gaining the sweepstakes prize on a group of still life and figure paintings. At her father's death she took over the management of the store which she has successfully conducted. Like her father, she has done some writing, including a history of Pawnee from the early days of 1818 down to the present, and the major points of this were presented in a pageant in Pawnee that attracted wide attention and much favorable comment.

JOSIAH T. BULLINGTON

Josiah T. Bullington, an attorney of recognized ability, practicing in Hillsboro, was born on a farm near Vandalia, Illinois, April 30, 1876, a son of John and Ailey J. (Dalton) Bullington. The father was of English descent and made his home in Virginia until after he had served as a Confederate soldier in the Civil war under Generals Lee and Pickett. He was wounded at the battle of Gettysburg. Following the close of hostilities he came to Illinois, settling near Vandalia, where he engaged in farming throughout his remaining days, his death occurring in 1925, when he was eighty-two years of age. For a decade he had survived his wife, who passed away in 1915. They were the parents of thirteen children: Albert, William, Robert, Fletcher C., Charles and Laura, who both died in infancy; Josiah T., of this review; John J., a lawyer and legislator, who was Illinois commander of the American Legion and who had an enviable record in the World war, having been lieutenant colonel in the One Hundred and Thirtieth United States Infantry, his death occurring in 1930; Floyd; G. C., a physician of Pana, Illinois, who was also a World war veteran and resumed his practice in Pana on his return from overseas; Benjamin; Henry, who was a lieutenant in the One Hundred and Thirtieth Infantry, he and his brother, Colonel John J. Bullington, remaining overseas for nearly a year after the



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armistice, being in charge of Russian prison camps; and Flora, who is the widow of Alvin Tedrick and resides in Vandalia.

Josiah T. Bullington was a pupil in the rural schools. Not desiring to follow agricultural pursuits as a life work, he left the farm when sixteen years of age and took up the study of law under the direction of Judge Farmer, a partner in the law firm of Farmer & Brown. When the former was elected to the bench, Mr. Bullington became his secretary. He was a soldier in the infantry and cavalry in the Spanish-American war. He was thereafter admitted to the bar in 1901 and throughout the intervening period to the present has continuously been connected with the work of the courts in this section of the state. In 1909 he came to Hillsboro and formed a partnership with L. N. Hill which has continued to the present time, the firm enjoying a large and lucrative practice that has connected them with much of the most important litigation heard in the courts of this district.

Mr. Bullington has always given his political allegiance to the democratic party and has done effective work in its behalf. Since William Jennings Bryan was presidential nominee in 1896 he has done active campaign work for the party and he was a delegate to the national convention in St. Louis, Missouri, in 1916, on which occasion Bryan and Stevenson spoke. While in Fayette county he was elected a member of the county central committee, serving for two terms as its chairman and for two terms as its secretary. Since his removal to Hillsboro he has served for two terms as chairman and for a similar period as secretary of the Montgomery county democratic central committee. His political activity arises from a recognition of the duties and obligations as well as the privileges of citizenship and he does everything in his power to further the legitimate successes of the party because of his belief in its principles as basic elements of good government and national honor.

On the 3rd of April, 1913, Mr. Bullington was married to Miss Mary T. Thompson, of Carbondale, Illinois, a daughter of T. S. Thompson, an architect of that city. Mr. and Mrs. Bullington are the parents of four children: Rosina, who is a student in Stephens College of Columbia, Missouri, pursuing a pre-legal course; John, a third-year student in the Hillsboro high school; Ailey J.; and Mary Jane, now five years of age. The family attend the Methodist Church and Mr. Bullington belongs to the Hillsboro Country Club and the Independent Order of Odd Fellows. He owns land north of Hillsboro and finds his favorite diversion in supervising his farm interests, devoting his time from five to eight o'clock in the morning and from five to seven o'clock in the evening to this work. For recreation he turns to golf, to swimming, hunting and fishing. In a word, he is an outdoor man and whenever possible is in the open. His chief interest, however, centers in his law practice, to which he devotes the major part of his time, and he enjoys an enviable reputation as a member of the bar, thoroughly qualified to handle the most involved and intricate litigation. He belongs to the Montgomery County Bar Association, of which he served as president for one term, and he also has membership in the Illinois State and American Bar Associations.

CLAYTON J. HYSLOP, M. D.

Dr. Clayton J. Hyslop, a successful practicing physician and surgeon of Galesburg, was on the 15th of June, 1933, appointed district health superintendent of the district which comprises Knox, Rock Island, Henderson, Henry, Warren and Mercer counties, and in this connection his professional skill and knowledge are proving a beneficent influence. The Doctor was born in Blair, Wisconsin, June 2, 1892, and is a son of W. G. and Ella (Quinn) Hyslop. The father was born in Osseo, Wisconsin, in 1866 and the mother in Ettrick, Wisconsin, in 1867. W. G. Hyslop engaged in the manufacture of flour, in dairying and in banking at Blair, Wisconsin, for a number of years and for the past two years has resided at Camp Douglas, that state, where he is assistant

advisory superintendent of the camp. He has long given his political allegiance to the democratic party and has attended many of the state conventions, being widely known in political circles in Wisconsin.

Clayton J. Hyslop pursued his education in the public schools of Blair until graduated from the high school with the class of 1910. He then entered the University of Wisconsin, in which he continued his studies for one year, and for two years thereafter was a student in Beloit College in his native state. He next matriculated in Northwestern University of Illinois, where he won his Bachelor of Science degree, while in 1916 the M.D. degree was conferred upon him. He put his college training to the practical test by serving as an interne in the Peoples Hospital at Chicago for a year, and he gained further valuable knowledge and experience by acting as interne in Mercy Hospital of Chicago for eighteen months. He was then appointed a member of the staff of the Municipal Tuberculosis Sanitarium in Chicago, with which institution he was associated for a year, when he resigned to enter the United States Army, serving as first lieutenant in the Medical Corps for eighteen months. He served several years afterward as a member of the Medical Reserve Corps. With his retirement from the army he came to Galesburg in 1919 and has since practiced in this city. He soon demonstrated his ability to cope with the various intricate and involved problems of the profession and has steadily worked his way upward, being now accorded a large and growing practice of an important character. He is both a physician and surgeon and his recognized ability led to his appointment as district health superintendent on the 15th of June, 1933. This office he is now acceptably filling, rendering a service of value to the general public.

Dr. Hyslop, like his father, has always supported the democratic party and has taken an active and helpful interest in its work since establishing his home in Galesburg. In 1932 he was elected a committeeman and he has served as a member of the Knox county executive central committee. In 1932 he organized the Illinois Veterans League in the fifteenth congressional district and has continuously served as its chairman. He gives much time and attention to the work of the organization, which is now affiliated with the democratic state central committee, and he is serving on the state executive committee of the Illinois Veterans League. In 1932 he was made a delegate to the state convention at Springfield and he made speeches throughout the thirteenth district during the organization of the Illinois Veterans League and through the campaign of that year. He is surgeon of Ralph Noble Post of the American Legion and district surgeon for the fifteenth district American Legion. He also has membership in the Forty and Eight, while fraternally he is affiliated with the Eagles and with the Elks.

Dr. Hyslop was married May 10, 1932, to Miss Louise Hess, of Chariton, Iowa. By a previous marriage he has four children: Clayton, Jr., Gwendolyn, William and Rose Ann. The Doctor is a member of Phi Delta Sigma, a medical fraternity, and Delta Tau Delta, a college fraternity. Along strictly professional lines he is associated with the Knox County Medical Society, of which he was secretary for two years, the Illinois State Medical Society and the American Medical Association, and thus keeps in touch with the advanced thought of the profession, being conversant with its latest scientific investigations, researches and discoveries.

FRANCIS C. YABSLEY, D. V. S.

Dr. Francis C. Yabsley, actively engaged in the practice of veterinary surgery at Cissna Park, Iroquois county, was born at Newton Abbot, England, August 10, 1887, a son of Edward J. and Mary Ann (Gerrish) Yabsley. The father was at one time postmaster in his home town.

The son obtained a common school education and was a youth of 19 years when he came to America. In preparation for his chosen life work he attended

the Chicago Veterinary College and was graduated in 1917. Through the intervening period of seventeen years he has followed his profession and has been accorded a liberal practice, his ability winning for him a constantly growing business that has brought him substantial returns. After his graduation in 1917 he was appointed house surgeon to the Chicago Veterinary College, as assistant to Joseph Hughes.

On the 6th of June, 1916, in Chicago, Illinois, Dr. Yabsley was united in marriage to Miss Amy Harriet Naish and they are the parents of three children: Francis George, Edith Mary and Stephanie Louise. The religious faith of the family is that of the Catholic Church. Politically Dr. Yabsley is a democrat and has attended practically all of the county and state conventions of the party during the past twenty years. He is employed in the department of agriculture, in the division of animal industry, having been appointed to this position in September, 1933, and his long professional experience well qualifies him for the important and responsible duties that devolve upon him. He is now assistant state veterinarian, deputy sheriff, police magistrate and township treasurer.

JOHN P. BECKMAN

Recognition of his loyalty to democracy and to high ideals of citizenship, combined with excellent business qualifications, led to the appointment of John P. Beckman to the office of postmaster of Carthage in 1933, and he is the present incumbent of the position. He was born near Camp Point, in Adams county, Illinois, January 5, 1877. His grandfather, John Philip Beckman, a native of Germany, came to America with his wife and three children in 1856, landing at New Orleans, whence he made his way up the Mississippi river to Quincy, Illinois. There he conducted a general store for about ten years, when he went with a colony of Quincy families to the Elkhorn valley in Nebraska, where his remaining days were passed. His son, Henry Beckman, was born in Germany, November 21, 1849, and married Hannah Hockamp, who was also a native of that country, born June 2, 1851. He became a farmer near Camp Point, where the family residence was maintained until after the death of his wife on the 16th of February, 1915. The following year Henry Beckman removed to Pasadena, California, where he now lives retired. Since becoming an American citizen he has always taken an active interest in local politics and voted with the democratic party. His religious faith is that of the Lutheran Church. To him and his wife were born nine children: Charles, a resident of Clayton, Illinois; Anna, the wife of John Floettman, also of Clayton; John P.; William H. and Emma, of Pasadena, California; Henry J., of Tulare, California, who is very active in Farm Bureau organization work; Albert G., living on the old home farm at Clayton, who has been made a master farmer and is active in Farm Bureau work in Adams county, being a director of the organization and also a vice president of the Illinois Taxpayers League; Sadie, living in Pasadena, California; and Elmer E., of Pasadena, who is manager for the Pacific district of the Provident Mutual Life Insurance Company of Philadelphia, Pennsylvania.

John P. Beckman is a graduate of the Camp Point high school of the class of 1895. He took up the profession of teaching, which he followed for a number of years in Adams county, and then in preparation for the practice of law as a life work he became a law student in the University of Illinois, which he attended from 1901 until his graduation in 1903. The same year he was admitted to the Illinois bar. He has, however, been identified with newspaper publication for thirty years. In 1904 he purchased the Golden Era of Golden, Illinois, and was its publisher for seven years. In 1911 he came to Carthage and bought the Hancock County Journal, which he has since published. He was editor thereof until 1922, since which date he has employed a managing editor. He has every reason to be proud of the fact that the Journal was judged the best weekly newspaper in the 1933 Illinois state

contest for county seat newspapers in towns of more than two thousand population. The Journal was also awarded first place for the best weekly news story in the state and first place for the best weekly editorial. Mr. Beckman modestly disclaims credit for these facts, saying that the distinction should be awarded to Donald T. Forsythe, now managing editor. However, his policy lies behind the paper, which he put upon its present high footing. He now concentrates his attention and efforts largely upon his official duties, having been appointed acting postmaster of Carthage on the 10th of May, 1933, while later the appointment was made permanent. He has always voted with the democratic party but has never been an office seeker nor held public positions until called to the one which he now fills.

On August 23, 1906, Mr. Beckman married Sylvia Reaugh, a daughter of Clark and Elizabeth (Hendricks) Reaugh. They attend Trinity Lutheran Church of Carthage and Mr. Beckman has been treasurer of the church council for sixteen years. He has also been a delegate to a number of the meetings of the Illinois Synod of the Lutheran Church and was three times a delegate to the national conventions of the United Lutheran Church of America. Fraternally he has been connected with the Independent Order of Odd Fellows for thirty-three years and he also belongs to Hancock Lodge, A. F. & A. M., to Inglevere Commandery, K. T., and to the consistory at Quincy. He is ever faithful to any cause which he espouses and his position is never an equivocal one. He comes out in the open in defense of what he believes as a citizen, as a journalist and as a public official.

HARRY WILFORD LORTON

Harry Wilford Lorton, who has a most creditable political and military record, being now associated with the highway department of Greene county, makes his home in White Hall. He was born on a farm one mile east of the city on the 16th of September, 1893, and is a son of Albert Harvey and Eliza (Batty) Lorton. The father, a native of Greene county, has passed away, but the mother, who was born in Christian county, Illinois, is still living. Albert H. Lorton had followed farming throughout his active career. He was also interested in local politics and served as township assessor.

Harry W. Lorton was educated in Greene county, completing a course in the White Hall high school. He then concentrated his attention upon farming, which he followed in this vicinity for ten years, but on the 26th of January, 1933, he became highway maintenance patrolman on United States Highway 67. He still occupies the position and is most promptly and creditably performing his duties. His political endorsement has always been given to the democratic party and for three terms he served as precinct committeeman.

In 1919 Mr. Lorton was married to Miss Zora Steelman, of Roodhouse, Illinois, a daughter of A. J. and Sarah (Allen) Steelman, the former now living at Roodhouse, while the latter is deceased. Mr. Lorton belongs to the American Legion, his connection therewith resulting from his military service. On the 24th of February, 1918, he entered the officers' training camp, was commissioned a lieutenant of infantry and was retained at the camp as bayonet instructor. He became a second lieutenant in the Eighteenth Company of the last officers' training camp at Camp Gordon, Atlanta, Georgia, being there on duty at the time the armistice was signed.

CHARLES WESLEY FLACK

Among the leading and representative citizens of Macomb is Charles Wesley Flack, a prominent lawyer and an outstanding figure in democratic circles in McDonough county. Born in Fremont county, Iowa, on the 2d of June, 1865, he is the third child of John W. and Louisa (Osborn) Flack, who removed with their family to Industry, Illinois, during the early boyhood of



HARRY W. LORTON

Charles W. The father was born December 30, 1840, and the mother's birth occurred April 13, 1842. Both have now passed away. Mr. Flack was a life-long democrat and was honored with various offices in his community.

Charles W. Flack spent his early manhood in Industry, working on the farm in the summer seasons, while in the winter months he attended school, thus preparing for life's practical and responsible duties. In 1884 he began teaching and while following that profession he spent the summer seasons in attending the old Normal School at Macomb, Illinois, or Valparaiso University at Valparaiso, Indiana. In the educational field he made steady progress and was principal of the Carman and Biggsville schools in Henderson county, Illinois, and was also chosen to the presidency of the Henderson County Teachers Association. In 1891 he established his home in Macomb, Illinois, having been appointed principal of the fourth ward school, which position he occupied for a year and at the same time did work as a substitute teacher in the Macomb high school. Having taken up the study of law, he was admitted to the bar on the 23d of August, 1893, and began practice in McDonough county in September of that year. Here he continuously followed his profession until January 1, 1922, when he removed to Los Angeles, California, and was admitted to the bar of that state. There he continued a limited practice in addition to his work as secretary and business manager of the Cosmosart Realty & Building Corporation. In June, 1928, however, he returned to Macomb and became "counsel" in the firm of Flack & Kerman. In February, 1933, he was appointed deputy receiver for the First Trust & Savings Bank of Macomb and in the following August was made deputy receiver of the Peoples State Bank of Colchester, the State Bank of Seiota and the Huston Banking Company of Blandinsville, all four of these banks being now liquidated at the banking building of the First Trust & Savings Bank in Macomb. Mr. Flack was the organizer of the First Trust & Savings Bank of Macomb, of which he was president for seven years. This bank will pay 100 per cent to its depositors without an assessment. As a member of the bar Mr. Flack has gained a prominent position and his business qualifications are indicated in the acceptable work which he is doing in connection with the liquidation of the aforementioned banks.

On the 18th of August, 1887, Mr. Flack was united in marriage to Ura M. Kee, of Industry, Illinois, and they are the parents of two children, Mrs. Vera B. Owings and Charles Earl Flack. The daughter is a graduate of the Macomb high school, the Western Illinois State Teachers College of Macomb and Northwestern University of Evanston and taught school for several years prior to her marriage. The son of C. W. Flack was graduated from the academic department of the Western Illinois State Teachers College, next attended Northwestern University of Evanston for two years and then entered the Northwestern University Law School in Chicago, from which he was graduated in 1916.

In politics Mr. Flack has always been a democrat and has held the office of democratic committeeman and chairman and secretary of the democratic central committee. In 1897 he was elected city attorney of Macomb on the democratic and in 1917 was chosen by popular suffrage for the office of mayor, each time receiving a good majority. In 1896 he was appointed master in chancery of the circuit court by Charles J. Seofield and served during the incumbency of the Judge or for a period of two years. In 1886 he was made president of the Macomb library board and occupied that position for thirteen years or until 1899. In July, 1905, he was again appointed to the office, which he continuously filled until the spring of 1914, when he resigned on account of the pressure of other interests. In that year he was appointed by Governor Dunne to membership on the board of trustees of the Western Illinois State Teachers College of Macomb and served until 1917. The practice of law, however, has been his real life work and he possesses one of the best law libraries in this part of the state, with the contents of which he is largely familiar. He is seldom, if

ever, at fault in the application of a legal principle and his ability is widely acknowledged by his contemporaries and his colleagues.

In Masonic circles Mr. Flack is well known, having membership in Macomb Lodge No. 17, A. F. & A. M.; Morse Chapter, R. A. M.; Macomb Commandery No. 61, K. T.; Quincy Consistory of the Scottish Rite; and Mohammed Temple of the Mystic Shrine of Peoria. He likewise belongs to the Macomb Chapter of the Eastern Star and the White Shrine of Jerusalem, and he has held various Masonic offices, serving for two years as master of his lodge and for two years as eminent commander of his commandery. He has likewise held office in the other local organizations. In fact it is characteristic of Mr. Flack that whenever he becomes allied with any movement or society he is called upon for leadership in that field. He is an excellent executive, a man of broad vision and of high purpose, and his espousal of any cause always insures for it a strong following because of the influence which he exerts.

WILLIAM RYAN

There are many reasons why William Ryan should be prominently mentioned in the history of Illinois Democracy. He has the distinction of being wholly responsible for the first hard road to be built in the state and he has been closely associated with various other lines of progress and improvement put forth by the democratic party. He is now serving as United States marshal and he makes his home in Danville, where he was born December 4, 1872. His parents were William and Margaret (Cline) Ryan, who had a family of seven children. The father died in 1918 and the mother in 1924. William Ryan, Sr., was a carriage builder who owned and operated the Ryan carriage factory from 1884 until 1902, when he retired, the business being purchased by his son, William Ryan, and D. D. Snyder, who then continued it under the firm style of Snyder & Ryan for a period of three years. At the end of that time the partnership dissolved and the business was carried on by Mr. Ryan under the name of the Ryan Carriage Company until December, 1912.

In the meantime he had actively entered politics, having in 1909 been elected highway commissioner and being the first man to be elected on the democratic ticket to that office after the Civil war. He continued to act in that capacity for one year after he had been elected state treasurer. He has always been actuated by a progressive spirit in fulfilling election promises and in utilizing the opportunities for accomplishment through official service. As stated, he is wholly responsible for the first hard road built in Illinois, a nine-mile stretch extending three miles east of Danville, then south on the Georgetown road to Lyons for a distance of three miles and then to Amos Corner, also a three-mile stretch. These sections were all of concrete base with brick surface, and the road is still in use. After the people of the county saw what was done the voted bonds of one and one-half million dollars for hard roads and Vermilion was the first county in the state to vote such bonds. It was in 1912 that Mr. Ryan was elected state treasurer for a two years' term and he was the first treasurer to insist on collateral security from the banks on all deposits. After his retirement from that office Governor Dunne appointed him chairman of the board of managers of the Illinois State Penitentiary at Joliet, in which position he served for two years under Governor Dunne and for seven months under Governor Lowden. He has since continued his stock-raising activities while holding other office and his business affairs have been wisely and successfully managed. In 1925 he was appointed chief of police of Danville for a two years' term and then for four years acted as special investigator for the state's attorney. For three and one-half years he filled the office of chief deputy sheriff and on the 1st of July, 1934, was appointed United States marshal, and it is said that he is the first man to hold the job who had had previous police experience.

It is interesting to note something of the training which Mr. Ryan had previously received. His early education was acquired in the grade schools and he was graduated from St. Viator College in 1892. Due to a school prank, and being falsely accused of it, he left school when but fourteen years of age and began work in the blacksmith shop of his father's factory, where he remained for three years before he entered college, from which in due time he was graduated. He then went to work again in his father's factory and learned the business in every detail, so that he was well qualified to assume active control, which he did upon purchasing the business from his father in 1902.

Mr. Ryan was married in 1898 to Daisy Merkle, of Danville, whose father was a harness maker. They have three children, William E., Lneille and Alice, all at home.

Mr. Ryan has the reputation of having sent more bank robbers to the penitentiary than any other one man in the states of Illinois or Indiana. He has taken prisoners from twenty-seven different states and from Canada and Mexico and brought them back here for trial. He possesses a gold badge which was presented to him by the Illinois Bankers Association and on the back of which is engraved "For Services Rendered." He followed the Nicholas, Corey and Slade robbers for more than nine months and finally rounded up the whole gang. Like the Northwest Mounted Police, Mr. Ryan would never give up, and when the trail got cold for others he kept on with results that finally brought success. In the Illinois prisons there are many serving time for whose arrest he is wholly responsible. His record in office since he first entered the political arena is one over which there falls no shadow of wrong or suspicion of evil. He has been most loyal to every trust reposed in him and has been actuated by a most progressive spirit in the accomplishment of his official purposes.

GLENN G. WATSON

Glenn G. Watson, filling the position of postmaster in Roseville, Warren county, has made his home here continuously since 1917. This is his native town. He was born October 16, 1880, a son of John W. and Eva S. (Smith) Watson, who were also natives of Warren county, Illinois. The father, who was born January 26, 1854, followed the occupation of farming in Point Pleasant township, Warren county. He gave his political allegiance to the republican party until 1896, when because of his belief in the free coinage of silver at the ratio of 16 to 1 and because of his great admiration for William Jennings Bryan he voted the democratic ticket and thereafter continued to support the party until called to his final rest. He passed away in 1932, as did his wife, who was born in Warren county, Illinois, August 15, 1858. They were both well known citizens whose passing was a matter of deep regret to their many friends.

Glenn G. Watson spent his youthful days under the parental roof and his experiences were those of the farm-bred boy. He attended the rural schools of Point Pleasant township and then enrolled as a student in the high school at Biggsville, from which he was graduated in 1902. He next took up the profession of teaching, which he followed for three years, and at the end of that time became railway station agent at Elvins, Missouri, while later he occupied a similar position at Evansville, Illinois, giving three years to railway work. The next twenty years of his life were devoted to the banking business. In 1917 he came to Roseville, where he has since remained, and at the present writing he is filling the position of postmaster, having been appointed to the office by President Roosevelt on the 1st of May, 1934. Mr. Watson has always been an earnest democrat, active in local political circles, especially during the past fifteen years. In 1932 he was elected precinct committeeman and was reelected in 1934. In the former year he attended the democratic state convention as an alternate delegate and at all times he displays an interest in the party through his active work for its success.

In 1908 Mr. Watson was united in marriage to Miss Gertrude Dinwiddie, who passed away in 1911, leaving one child, Vernon, who is manager of the Gilman Fanfold Printing Corporation at Niagara Falls, New York. In 1913 Mr. Watson wedded Miss Inez Bacon, of Kingfisher, Oklahoma, and their children are Evelyn and Maxine. The family are Methodists and Mr. Watson is also a Mason and an Odd Fellow, being a past Noble Grand in the latter lodge. He is faithful to all of these organizations and lives up to the high standards which they inculcate among their members.

MRS. LAURA I. MILFORD RIFE

Prominent in educational circles, Mrs. Laura I. Milford Rife has contributed in large measure to the promotion of educational interests in Alexander county. As a representative of the democratic party she was chosen superintendent of the county schools and she is well known as a county chairman of the party. She makes her home in Cairo, which is her native city. She is a daughter of William Jefferson and Mary Frink (Kelsey) Milford, who were natives of Tennessee and of Cincinnati, Ohio, respectively. They were married, however, at America, Pulaski county, Illinois, in 1875. The father was a farmer by occupation and passed away in 1884, while the mother, who was a prominent educator in southern Illinois, survived until August 1, 1931, her death occurring in Cairo. The father was three times married and his children numbered fourteen, of whom our subject is the eleventh.

Laura I. Milford pursued her education under the direction of her mother, who had been a teacher and who taught her four children at home. Our subject studied in that way until she reached the age of ten years, when the family removed from the farm to Anna, Illinois, in 1886. There she attended the public schools and later she was graduated from the high school at Mound City as a member of the class of 1894. She then took up the profession of teaching, which she followed in the Richwoods school near Unity, Alexander county, Illinois, where she remained for four years. She taught altogether eleven years in Alexander county, in the rural and village schools, and in 1907 she became teacher of the fifth grade at the Lincoln school, where she remained for five years, teaching the fifth, sixth and seventh grades. From 1912 until 1914 she was connected with the commercial department of the high school of Cairo and for five years thereafter, from 1914 to 1919, was county superintendent of schools of Alexander county. She then again became connected with the Cairo high school, being head of the commercial department from 1919 until 1926. Her teaching experience also included three summers (1904-1907) in a backwoods school in a sawmill district near Reelfoot Lake in Tennessee. She is regarded as one of the most capable educators who has ever been connected with the schools of this county, her work being at all times satisfactory, while she has always been actuated by high ideals in her professional labors. During the early years of her teaching, by dint of diligent study and attendance at summer school and night school, she succeeded in graduating from a state normal school and from a business college.

On the 24th of November, 1926, Miss Milford became the wife of Samuel Henry Rife, a retired farmer, and prominent democrat, now bailiff of the circuit court of Alexander county. In 1926 Mrs. Rife became principal of Brown's Business College and so continued until January, 1934, when the college was discontinued. Since that time she has been teaching Civil Works Education Service at her home.

Her parents, both of them of colonial and Revolutionary war ancestry, were early supporters of the democratic party in Alexander county. Although her father was in no sense a politician, he was prominent in the affairs of Alexander county for many years. He always voted the democratic ticket and at one time was school treasurer. Her maternal grandfather, Captain Naaman



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Kelsey, pilot on gunboats in the Union Navy in the Civil war, was a Union democrat. Mrs. Rife has always held to the political faith in which she was reared, and she always had a desire to become county superintendent of schools after having entered upon her work as an educator. In 1914 she announced herself as a candidate for county superintendent of schools and was among the few democrats elected at that time. Her record in office was one which reflected credit upon the educational system, for she succeeded in introducing various reforms and improvements. In 1932 she was appointed chairman of the county organization and still fills the office. She became a member of the original women's organization in that year and she is also precinct committeeman from the thirteenth precinct of Cairo. During the World war she was a member of the women's committee of the Council of National Defense, Illinois Division, and was a member of the women's section of the Navy League, which later was absorbed by the Red Cross. For three terms, or six years, she served as a member of the board of directors of the Illinois Pupils Reading Circle and she is a member of the National Education Association and the Illinois State Teachers Association. She belongs to the Cairo Women's Club, to the Eastern Star and to Ben Hur Court No. 171, and she also has membership in the Baptist Church of Cairo, associations which indicate much concerning her ideals and activities. She has attained prominence as a speaker and local historian. Many of her articles have appeared in local papers and she has contributed to the Journal of the Illinois State Historical Society. She is a member of the Egyptian Historical Society.

MRS. AVA JAMES

Mrs. Ava James, whose activity in behalf of the democratic party began when William Jennings Bryan was the candidate for the presidency, remains an earnest worker in support of democracy and is widely and favorably known in Alto Pass, Union county, not only because of her political work but also by reason of her capable management of business interests.

Mrs. James is a daughter of C. M. and Edna (Dilday) Asbury, both of whom were natives of Illinois. The father was a cooper by trade and always lived in Alto Pass, where he died in 1925, his wife passing away in 1919. Ava Asbury completed the work of the eighth grade in the Alto Pass schools and prior to her marriage lived at home with her parents. On the 3d of July, 1893, she became the wife of F. E. James, a farmer of Alto Pass, who after a happy married life of about thirty-five years passed away in 1928. Mrs. James has since carried on the fruit farm, comprising one hundred and eighty-nine acres, and in the peach-picking season she employs about one hundred men. She is the only woman in the state who is serving as a member of the farm debt adjustment committee. Her husband was a stalwart democrat and urged her to take an active part in politics as a supporter of democratic principles. She has done much for the party, and when William Jennings Bryan was a candidate she was a very active worker in his support. When Woodrow Wilson was making his campaign for the presidency she evolved many ways of influencing and strengthening the democratic vote, using her horse and buggy to drive over dirt roads where a car could not pass. She was selected as an assistant to the committeeman and would secure the help of the other ladies of the party in canvassing for votes, she always taking the lead. She was the first county chairwoman in Union county and occupied the position for two years. She has been precinct committeeman ever since women were granted the right of franchise and she is the vice president of the Jeffersonian Club. In 1928 she was a delegate to the democratic convention in Springfield and has on many other occasions served as delegate to state conventions.

Mrs. James has two children. Pat James is now taking an active part in politics as assistant to his grandfather, who has been precinct committeeman for

more than fifty years and never had but one man to run against him, that being in April, 1934, when he received three votes to his opponent's one. In 1918 Pat James married Miss Myra Houston, of Alto Pass, who died, leaving a daughter, Kathleen, then but six weeks old. Louise James, the only daughter of Mrs. F. E. James, is the wife of Harry Norton, of Alto Pass, who is a farmer, and they have two sons, James E. and Bobbie, aged respectively fifteen and twelve years. The James family is widely known in Union county, where Mrs. James has wielded a strong influence over public thought and action of a political character and has proven her business ability in the wise management of her farm, while as a factor in the social life of the community she is equally well and favorably known.

MARK A. PENICK

Mark A. Penick, senator from the thirty-sixth district in the fifty-eighth general assembly of Illinois, began the practice of law in Quincy in association with his father in 1922 and has been a leading young representative of the profession in this city to the present time. He was born in Kinderhook, Pike county, Illinois, July 17, 1895, his parents being Frank J. and Neva (Larimore) Penick, the former born in Kinderhook, Illinois, in 1868, while the latter is a native of Plainville, Adams county, this state. Frank J. Penick acquired his early education in the public schools of Kinderhook and continued his studies at the Chaddock School for Boys in Quincy, Illinois. Afterward he was an instructor in the rural schools of Pike county for about two years and then entered the Union Law School of Chicago, now the law department of Northwestern University. It was in 1893 that he began the practice of law in Quincy, where he has followed his profession continuously and successfully throughout the intervening period of more than four decades. For six years he served as master in chancery. Fraternally he is affiliated with the Masons, the Loyal Order of Moose and the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks.

Mark A. Penick, an only child, was graduated from the Quincy high school in 1913 and in the fall of that year entered Dartmouth College, of Hanover, New Hampshire, which institution he attended for three years prior to matriculating at the University of Chicago. On the 30th of May, 1917, he enlisted for service in the United States Signal Corps and was commissioned second lieutenant, U. S. A., A. S., R. M. A. Sent overseas, he was stationed at Toul, France, with the One Hundred and Forty-first Aerial Squadron. On the 25th of July, 1919, he was honorably discharged at Rockford Illinois. He has served as commander of Post No. 37 of the American Legion, Department of Illinois, and has also been state junior vice commander. In the fall of 1919 Mr. Penick resumed his studies at the University of Chicago, from which he was graduated with the degrees of Ph. B. and J. D. in 1922. He had been admitted to the bar in 1921 and, as above stated, has been engaged in law practice at Quincy in partnership with his father to the present time, enjoying an enviable reputation among his professional colleagues and contemporaries for legal ability of a high order. He was appointed assistant states attorney of Adams county in 1922 and served in that capacity for four years. He was elected to the school board in 1926, rendering service in this connection during the years 1927, 1928 and 1929. It was in 1932 that he was elected to the upper house of the fifty-eighth general assembly of Illinois, in which body he has been instrumental in the passage of much important constructive legislation. Mr. Penick has been a delegate to all democratic state conventions since 1922 and attended the democratic national conventions in New York in 1924 and in Chicago in 1932.

In 1922 Mr. Penick was united in marriage to Gertrude E. Tenk, daughter of Rudolph and Anna (Hagel) Tenk, and they are the parents of one child, Marcia Ann. A worthy exemplar of the teachings and purposes of the Masonic fraternity, Mr. Penick is now commander of Quincy Commandery, No. 77, K. T.,

and has also attained the thirty-second degree of the Scottish Rite. He is likewise a member of the Fraternal Order of Eagles, the Loyal Order of Moose, the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks, the social fraternity Delta Tau Delta and the legal fraternity Phi Delta Phi.

WILLIAM E. BURNS

William E. Burns, now living at Virginia, where he is manager for the Cass Farmers Oil Company, was born in Ashland, Cass county, Illinois, August 9, 1889, his parents being John and Catherine (Frazer) Burns, the latter a native of Springfield, Illinois. The father, who died in 1892, was a farmer and live stock dealer of Sangamon county and he gave his political support to the democratic party, in the work of which he took active interest.

The high school of Ashland, Illinois, numbers William E. Burns among its alumni and for three years he further prepared for life's duties and responsibilities by a course of study in the University of Illinois. On the 21st of June, 1918, he joined the United States Army, serving under General Hayden as a member of his personal staff. He went overseas in August of that year and received his discharge on the 24th of January, 1919. After leaving the army he conducted a large farm near Ashland, Cass county, and in May, 1927, he established his home in Virginia in order to assume the duties of manager of the Cass Farmers Oil Company. He is actuated in all his business affairs by a laudable purpose to achieve an honorable success and he recognizes the fact that energy and close application constitute the foundation upon which prosperity rests.

On the 9th of June, 1920, Mr. Burns was married to Miss Hazel Waterhouse and they have two children, Mary Lavonne and Joan. Mr. Burns belongs to the Catholic Church and to the Knights of Columbus. He also has membership in the Veterans of Foreign Wars and in the American Legion. He has always been a democrat, becoming active in politics before he was old enough to vote. He has served at intervals between 1916 and 1927 as a member of the democratic central committee of Cass county and was treasurer of the committee from 1920 until 1927. He has attended practically every state convention of the party since reaching adult age and was a delegate to the democratic national convention held in Chicago in 1932. He is a close personal friend of Senator Dieterich and many other prominent democratic leaders throughout the state. He is in politics for his friends and for the good of the party but not for personal gain, preferring to do his public service as a private citizen rather than as an official. His position upon any vital question is never an equivocal one, for he is always true to his honest convictions and unafraid in the expression of his opinions.

JOHN F. HARTSFIELD

John F. Hartsfield, filling the office of postmaster at Monticello, Piatt county, came to Illinois from North Carolina, his birth having occurred in the latter state June 3, 1884. He is a son of John F. and Minnie A. (Rogers) Hartsfield, both of whom were natives of North Carolina, where the father engaged in the jewelry business throughout his entire active life. In politics he was ever a staunch democrat.

John F. Hartsfield of this review is indebted to the public school system of his native state for the educational opportunities he enjoyed. He attended the grade and high schools and in 1900, when a youth of sixteen years, came to Illinois and secured employment in the watch factory at Springfield, where he worked until 1908, gaining various promotions during that period. He then opened a jewelry store of his own at Illiopolis, Illinois, where he continued in business until 1924, when he came to Monticello and here established his present jewelry store. He has carried on a successful business, being an enter-

prising and progressive merchant, and his success is the direct outcome of his close application and honorable methods.

In 1912 Mr. Hartsfield was united in marriage to Miss June Maxwell, daughter of John and Mary (Henson) Maxwell, who were members of a well known democratic family. Mrs. Hartsfield is also an active worker in democratic ranks. By her marriage she has become the mother of one son, John F. Hartsfield (III).

Mr. Hartsfield has been active in democratic politics since becoming of age and has served for fourteen years as committeeman in Sangamon county and for four years in Piatt county, during two years of which period he has been chairman of the county central committee, from 1932 to 1934. He has served as delegate to several state, congressional and judicial conventions and for two years he was alderman of Monticello, while in 1934 he received appointment to the position of postmaster from President Roosevelt. He always supports the entire democratic ticket and his labors in behalf of the party are far-reaching and effective. Fraternally he is a Mason and a Knight of Pythias and he is ever found loyal to any cause which he endorses, while his fidelity to principle is one of the outstanding phases of his career.

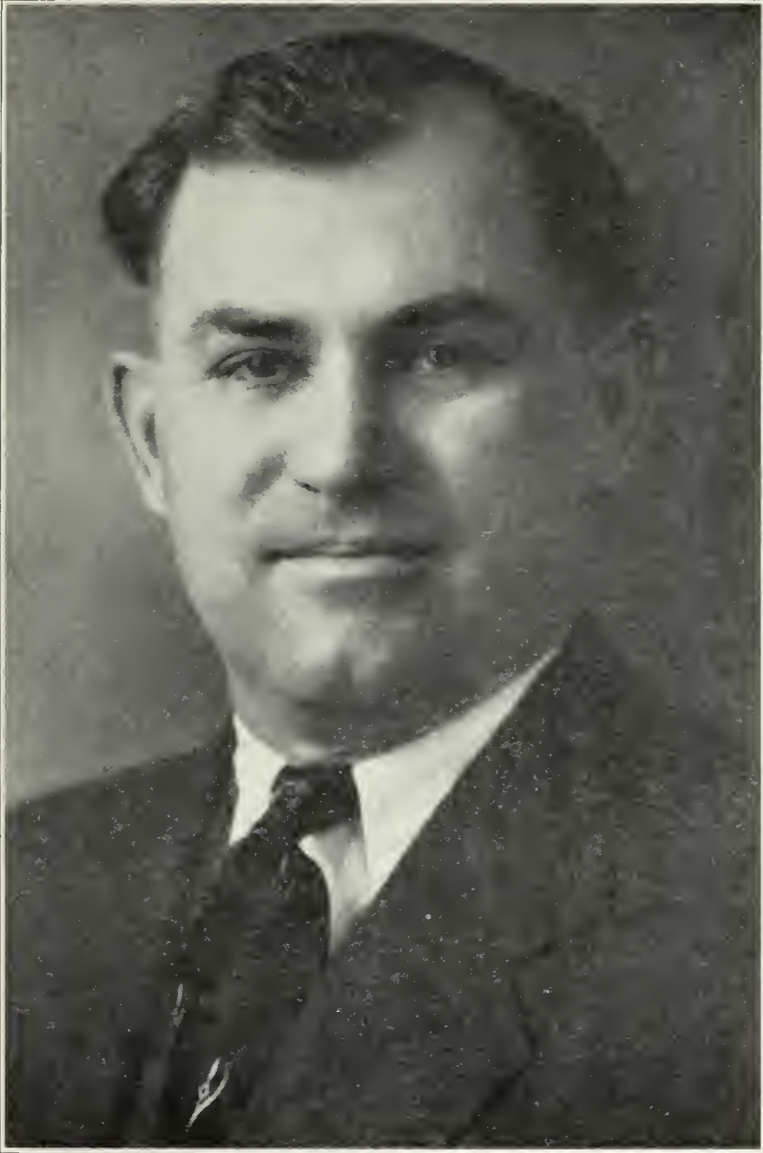
MONTA B. SPEECE

Monta B. Speece, the first democratic mayor of Pontiac in twenty-five years, has been the efficient manager of the Pontiac Farmers Grain Company since January, 1929. He was born in West Baden, Indiana, in 1890, his parents being Albert E. and Mary B. (McDonald) Speece, natives of Indiana. The father, a farmer by occupation, left the Hoosier state to take up a homestead claim in Kansas but eventually returned to Indiana. He always supported the men and measures of the democratic party and was an active leader in its local ranks yet never aspired to office.

Monta B. Speece acquired his early education in the public schools near West Baden, Indiana, and was subsequently graduated from the high school at French Lick, that state. Thereafter he completed an extension course at the Walton School of Commerce in Chicago. In 1912, when a young man of twenty-two years, he removed to the vicinity of Cedar Rapids, Iowa, where he worked on a farm and in a store. In 1916 he became manager of a co-operative grain company at Sheldon, O'Brien county, Iowa, where he thus continued active until 1929. On the 1st of January of the latter year he came to Pontiac, Illinois, to assume the management of the Pontiac Farmers Grain Company, the business of which he has directed very successfully to the present time.

In August, 1913, Mr. Speece was united in marriage of Miss Eva Coombs, of Blairstown, Iowa, and they are the parents of three children: Harold, a young man of twenty years, and Robert and Richard, twins, who are eighteen years of age. Mrs. Speece is an active member of the Order of the Eastern Star, also belongs to several women's clubs and takes a helpful interest in the work of the Methodist Episcopal Church.

Mr. Speece became a worker in democratic ranks while a resident of Sheldon, Iowa, and continued his political activities after coming to Pontiac, Illinois. In April, 1933, he was elected mayor of Pontiac, his name having been drafted for the ticket by the democratic city committee. He is effectively carrying forward a program of economy and as chairman of the work relief committee has been enabled to furnish employment to many. He also served as president of the Floyd township school board for several years, while a resident of O'Brien county, Iowa, was successful in erecting seven new school buildings in the township, which were badly needed, and raised the standard of the schools without working a hardship on the taxpayers. He is a worthy exemplar of the teachings and purposes of the Masonic fraternity, to which he belongs, and has won an extensive circle of warm friends in social, business and civic circles of his adopted city.



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MAJOR GEORGE A. QUINLAN

Major George A. Quinlan, who is serving for the fourth term as Cook county superintendent of highways and who occupies an enviable position in engineering circles, was born in Waco, Texas, October 10, 1880, a son of George Austin and Mary Kate (Samders) Quinlan. He attended Georgetown University at Washington, D. C., and was graduated as valedictorian of the class of 1902, at which time the Bachelor of Arts degree was conferred upon him. Later he attended the Massachusetts Institute of Technology, in which he completed his technical training. He was a civil engineer at Dallas, Texas, from 1908 until 1910 and in the latter year became connected with the Great Lakes Dredge & Dock Company, with which he remained for two years. In 1912 he became a contracting engineer on the construction of highway bridges and to that work devoted two years. Since 1914, except during two years of the World war period, he has been Cook county superintendent of highways, having won the position after passing an examination in which only five men were eligible to compete, the examination resulting in the selection of Mr. Quinlan by the board of county commissioners.

It was on the 6th of May, 1917, that Mr. Quinlan became captain of engineers in the World war service and on the 15th of August, 1917, he was advanced to the rank of major, serving as such until June 6, 1919, when he received an honorable discharge from active duty.

On the 6th of June, 1911, Major Quinlan was united in marriage to Elizabeth Mai Connor, of Dallas, Texas, and they are the parents of three children: Elizabeth, George Austin (III) and Lonis Roberts.

Major Quinlan belongs to the Chicago Engineers Club, to the American Concrete Institute and to the Western Society of Engineers. At all times he keeps in close touch with the advanced scientific developments of his profession and he is an outstanding figure in engineering circles. He belongs also to the American Legion, to the Three Hundred and Seventeenth Polo & Saddle Club, to the Sigma Chi fraternity and to the Catholic Church. He has now completed the first half of his fourth term of six years each as superintendent of highways of Cook county and has made a notable record in the office. In addition to his official duties he enjoys a large private practice as a consulting engineer, with offices in the LaSalle Waeker building of Chicago. His opinions always carry weight in professional circles and step by step he has advanced to a position of leadership.

CHARLES W. VAUGHN, M. D.

For eighteen years Dr. Charles W. Vaughn has engaged in the practice of medicine and surgery at Nokomis. He is also district health superintendent for the district comprising Montgomery, Christian, Shelby and Fayette counties, serving in this office through appointment of Governor Horner in September, 1933. The Doctor was born in Greenville, Bond county, Illinois, March 24, 1881, and is a son of Samuel and Naney (Adams) Vaughn. The father, who was a farmer by occupation, served for one term in the state legislature—1900 to 1902, and he continued to devote his attention to the tilling of the soil until he reached the age of seventy-six years, when he retired, making his home in Greenville until his death, which occurred in June, 1932, when he had reached the very venerable age of ninety-six years and seven months. His wife had passed away in March, 1917, when seventy-six years of age. In their family were six sons and two daughters: Mrs. Joseph E. Nelson, Thomas N., John W., James M., Samuel C., Mrs. Arthur Hubbard, William M., and Charles W.

The last named attended the country schools of Bond county and received his preliminary professional training in what was then the Austin College at Effingham. He was graduated in medicine from the St. Louis College of

Physicians and Surgeons at St. Louis in 1909 and came at once to Nokomis, where he has since practiced as a physician and surgeon. He is a member of the staff of the Huber Memorial Hospital in Pana and he is now acting as local surgeon for the Big Four and the Chicago & Eastern Illinois Railroads and has been surgeon for the mines of Nokomis for the past seventeen years, being retained by the Indiana & Illinois Coal Corporation. He belongs to the Montgomery County, Illinois State and American Medical Associations.

On the 15th of May, 1917, Dr. Vaughn was married to Miss Winifred C. Potts, a daughter of James and Martha (Lindsey) Potts, of Greenville, Illinois. Her father, who was a farmer, died in 1915, and Mrs. Potts now makes her home with Dr. and Mrs. Vaughn. The other member of the family is a little daughter, Beverly Winifred Vaughn, four years of age. Dr. Vaughn belongs to the Masonic lodge and to the consistory at Springfield and is a loyal follower of the teachings of the craft. He was reared in the democratic faith, the family having long been connected with the party, and for two terms his father served as county commissioner in Bond county. The Doctor is a firm believer in party principles and does everything in his power to promote the success of the democratic organization but has never sought or desired office, and the only position he has accepted is in the direct path of his profession, for he is now district health superintendent, Governor Horner thus recognizing his ability in the profession by his appointment in September, 1933.

ANDREW JOHN PAUL

Andrew John Paul, postmaster of Dupu, took up the duties of this office on the 1st of December, 1933, and received his permanent appointment on the 27th of April, 1934. A native of St. Louis, Missouri, he was born December 20, 1887. His father, Andrew Paul, was born in Germany and in 1885 came to the new world, where he was employed as a brewery worker. In politics he was a very staunch democrat.

The public and parochial schools of St. Louis afforded Andrew J. Paul his educational opportunities and he began earning his living as a teamster, being thus employed until 1909, when he became a fireman with the Missouri Pacific Railroad. In 1911 he went to Salida, Colorado, as fireman on the Denver & Rio Grande and spent four years in the west. In 1915 he returned to St. Louis and the following year again entered the employ of the Missouri Pacific as a fireman, serving in that capacity until 1925, when he was promoted to engineer. Thus he continued until December, 1933, when he was made acting postmaster at Dupu, his appointment being confirmed in the following April. He has long been active in the Brotherhood of Locomotive Firemen and Enginemen, belonging to East Ivory Lodge No. 667, of which he has been president for six years. He has also served as its local chairman and he is keenly interested in everything that has to do with the welfare of the railway men.

In politics Mr. Paul has been a democrat since attaining his majority and is keenly alive to the interests and opportunities of the party. In fact he has been one of its most active workers since coming to Dupu and in 1931 he organized the Dupu Jeffersonian Club, of which he served as president. This has since become the Jeffersonian Club of Sugar Loaf Township and he continues as its chief executive. In 1931 he was elected precinct committeeman and served as a member of the fact finding committee on county patronage. When Paul Farthing was nominated to the supreme bench Mr. Paul was a delegate to the judicial convention and gave him earnest support. He also handled the E. M. Schaefer campaign in Sugar Loaf township.

On the 19th of July, 1909, Mr. Paul was united in marriage to Cecilia Hood, of St. Louis, Missouri. They are well known throughout the community in which they reside and occupy an enviable social position. They hold membership in the Congregational Church of Dupu and are always willing to aid any movement that will advance the moral progress of the community.

HENRY ROY RICHARDSON

Henry Roy Richardson, filling the office of postmaster at Moweaqua, Shelby county, was born at Blue Mound, Macon county, Illinois, February 11, 1892, a son of Henry and Mary Elizabeth (Woodward) Richardson. The father was a farmer by occupation and died in the year 1893. His widow survives and now lives in Macon. In their family were two children, the daughter being Donna, who was born in Blue Mound and who became the wife of Albert Atehison, now living in Decatur. They have five children: Dorothy and George, both of whom are married; Mary Helen; Marvin; and Elizabeth.

Henry Roy Richardson acquired his early education at Blue Mound, where he attended high school for one year after completing the work of the grades. When about seventeen years of age he started out in the business world by securing a clerkship in a clothing store in Blue Mound, where he remained for about three years. He then came to Moweaqua in 1913 and established a dry cleaning business which he continued for twenty-one years, building up a large trade. He was then appointed postmaster on the 16th of July, 1934, at which date he received his commission to take charge of the office.

In early manhood Mr. Richardson was united in marriage to Miss Deborah Gregory, a daughter of Richard and Alice (Parks) Gregory, of Moweaqua, where her father is engaged in the hardware and furniture business, but the mother has passed away.

There is a most creditable military chapter in the life record of Mr. Richardson, who enlisted on the 26th of April, 1918, in the United States Navy. He joined the navy at Peoria, Illinois, and then went to Norfolk, Virginia, where he remained for two months. He was then assigned to duty on board the U. S. S. Kansas on the 28th of June, the ship doing convoy duty beginning in October, 1918. Mr. Richardson made two round trips, one prior to the signing of the armistice and the other afterward, and he received his discharge March 9, 1919. He was a musician in the ship's band, playing the clarinet.

Mr. Richardson cast his first presidential vote for Woodrow Wilson and has always been a stalwart democrat. He was township clerk of Moweaqua township for a part of one term, resigning the office in order to become postmaster. He served on the village board of Moweaqua for two years, 1923 and 1924, and was village treasurer in 1932. In 1934 he was elected a committeeman and he is doing everything in his power to advance the interests of his party and win success for its candidates. In Masonic circles Mr. Richardson is well known, belonging to Moweaqua Lodge, No. 180, A. F. & A. M.; Macon Chapter, No. 21, R. A. M., at Decatur; Beaumoniaer Commandery, No. 9, K. T., of Decatur; and Ansar Temple of the Mystic Shrine at Springfield. He is also a member of the Shrine band and in fact has ever taken a keen interest in music, developing his talents along that line to a high degree. He is likewise director of the Shelby County Legion Band and he belongs to R. H. Harlan Post No. 370 of the American Legion, of which he was post commander in 1921 and 1922. Both he and his wife belong to the Baptist Church and are held in the highest regard by reason of their sterling worth and the many excellent traits of character which they have displayed in every relation of life.

JOSEPH ALOYSIUS SULLIVAN

Joseph Aloysius Sullivan, whose activity in political fields covers a period of twenty years, is well known in Montgomery county, where for an extended period he has figured prominently in financial circles as the cashier of the Montgomery County Loan & Trust Company of Hillsboro. Mr. Sullivan was born in St. Louis, Missouri, January 12, 1895, a son of Thomas J. and Catherine R. (Flanigan) Sullivan, who were natives of New York city and of St. Louis, respectively. The father engaged in the milling business until about 1899, when he became connected with an Oklahoma bank. About 1912, however, he

returned to St. Louis, Missouri, where he retired from active business, passing away there in 1923. His widow survived until December 27, 1933, her death occurring in Richmond Heights, Missouri.

Their son, Joseph A. Sullivan, attended the grade schools of St. Louis and afterward was a student in St. Mary's College at St. Marys, Kansas, where he completed three years' work in two years. He then removed to Taylor Springs, Montgomery county, Illinois, where he entered a private bank that afterward became a state bank. He was associated with that institution until May, 1931, when it was consolidated with the Montgomery County Loan & Trust Company of Hillsboro, at which time Mr. Sullivan removed from Taylor Springs to Hillsboro. He had been cashier of the state bank until 1923, when he was elected president and so continued up to the time of the amalgamation of the two institutions. He is now cashier of the Montgomery County Loan & Trust Company, having held the position since two months after the merger.

In early manhood Mr. Sullivan was united in marriage to Miss Florence M. Lucas, daughter of George and Mary Lucas, of Hillsboro, Illinois, where her father was engaged in the coal mining business. Mr. and Mrs. Sullivan are communicants of St. Agnes Roman Catholic Church of Hillsboro and his interest in social activities is indicated in his connection with the Hillsboro Country Club. He also belongs to the Knights of Columbus and has been treasurer of the state council since 1930. He also served as treasurer of the town of Taylor Springs for about two years during the period of his residence there. In politics he has always been a democrat and served as precinct committeeman for about two years. He was a delegate to the state convention in 1932 and he has been an active party worker in his senatorial and congressional districts, being manager of the county campaign for Secretary of State Hughes. He has never sought or desired public office for himself but was appointed inspector of the Fairmont race track. Since 1912 he has been closely and continuously identified with banking in Montgomery county and is a very prominent representative of financial interests here. He wields a wide influence over public thought and action and is today one of the outstanding men of his section of the state.

LEO VERNON ANDERSON

Leo Vernon Anderson, one of the organizers of the Young Democratic Club of Aurora and now president of the society, which today has a membership of fifteen hundred, is accorded prominent place in party ranks in Kane county. He was born in Sterling, Illinois, February 3, 1908, and is a son of Alexander W. and Elizabeth Gertrude (Shanahan) Anderson. The father, a native of Sweden, came with his parents to the new world, the family home being established in Sterling, Illinois, where the grandfather of L. V. Anderson was connected with the building trade. There Alexander W. Anderson was reared and for twenty-seven years he was engaged in the foundry business but is now living retired in Aurora. After attaining his majority he married Elizabeth Gertrude Shanahan, a native of Sterling. They became parents of five children, as follows: Charles, who married Ruth Melchert, of Aurora, and now resides in Champaign, Illinois; James, who married Winifred Schuler and makes his home in Dallas, Texas; Leo V., of this review; Paul, who lives in Oakland, California; and John, who resides with his parents in Aurora.

Leo V. Anderson acquired his early education in St. Mary's parochial school of Sterling and also attended high school there for two years. In 1923 the family removed to Cedar Rapids, Iowa, and after two years' residence in that state came to Aurora in February, 1925. Here Leo Anderson continued his education in the East high school and was graduated in 1925. In August, 1926, he entered the employ of the Chicago, Burlington & Quincy Railroad Company as a clerk, continuing with that corporation until January, 1933. In the following November he became connected with the Illinois Free Employment Service,



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to which he now gives his attention. During the time he was with the railroad company he attended evening sessions in De Paul University and in Loyola University of Chicago, pursuing a pre-legal course for two and one-half years.

Long before he had attained his majority Mr. Anderson became a very active worker in democratic circles. He cast his first vote at the primary in 1930 and his first presidential vote was given for the support of Franklin D. Roosevelt. During the campaign of 1928 he became associated with the Hickory Club, which was largely composed of older men yet had a number of young men in its membership. While Mr. Anderson had not then attained his majority, he became very active in its ranks. It was not until 1932 that any real strenuous effort was made to organize the Young Democratic Club and he assumed leadership in this movement, which resulted in forming the club in Aurora. It became affiliated with the state organization and Mr. Anderson was chosen the first president of the Aurora society, which position he still fills, having been re-elected to serve until September, 1936. There are about fifteen hundred members in Aurora alone and the organization has representatives in each precinct upon whom falls the duty of securing new members as they learn of the connection of young men with the party, and also assisting precinct committeemen. Mr. Anderson also served as district chairman of the eleventh congressional district until the convention of 1934. He has been an efficient worker in all the campaigns since he entered democratic ranks, attends all of the conventions and has delivered many campaign addresses, speaking in support of the various candidates. Business ability and broad vision contribute to his success in these connections and he is accounted one of the outstanding young members of the party in his city.

FRED F. REHLING

The connection of Fred F. Rehling of Stronghurst with the official activities of Illinois is that of field agent of the retailers' occupational tax, and as a stalwart democrat he is serving as county chairman of the Henderson county central committee. His birth occurred in Carman, this county, September 25, 1874, his parents being August F. and Sophia (Ackerman) Rehling, both of whom were natives of Germany. The father was born February 18, 1838, and for forty years he was a well known merchant of Henderson county, where he engaged in the grocery business, starting in Shokokon and in 1870 removing to Carman, where he continued an active factor in commercial circles until a short time prior to his death, which occurred August 10, 1910. He had always given his political support to the democratic party after becoming a naturalized American citizen. His wife, who was born July 9, 1843, passed away October 16, 1897.

Fred F. Rehling attended the public schools of Carman and in his youthful days assisted his father in the store. In young manhood he took up railroad work and during the World's Columbian Exposition held in 1893 he served as a newsboy on the Carthage branch of the Chicago, Burlington & Quincy Railroad. In the fall of 1894 he began farming in Carman township, keeping bachelor's hall on the farm until the fall of 1906. He was during this period working for his father. On the 8th of August, 1906, he married Miss Susan Pershin and continued to work for his father on the farm for two years longer. In fact he continued farming until the spring of 1915 and he has always led a busy and useful life that has brought him substantial financial return. At one time he engaged in the insurance business as well as in farming, and in the spring of 1915 he was made cashier of the Commercial Trust & Savings Bank of Lomax, filling that position until April, 1923, when he removed to Burlington, Iowa, where he engaged in the insurance business in 1924. In 1925 he purchased a farm in Carman township and established his home in Carman, where he remained until January, 1931, when he removed to Strong-

hurst. Since 1928 he has been secretary of the Stroughurst Mutual Fire Insurance Company of Henderson County.

To Mr. and Mrs. Rehling have been born five children, as follows: Lillian Marie, who is the wife of Ralph Larson, of Burlington, Iowa; Ida Pearl, a school teacher of Stroughurst township, Henderson county; Alice Louise, a student at the Rock Island Business College of Rock Island, Illinois; and William Arthur and Neda May, at home.

In politics Mr. Rehling has always taken an active part since old enough to vote and when twenty-one years of age he was elected road district clerk, holding the office for two years. In 1898 he was elected precinct committeeman and except for the time when he was away from the county he has served almost continuously on the county democratic central committee. In 1908 he was appointed school treasurer of Carman township and in 1910 was elected township supervisor of that township, occupying the office for four years. In 1914 he was elected county treasurer of Henderson county and served until 1918. In 1928 he was again elected precinct committeeman and has been re-elected at each biennial period since that time. In 1932 he was elected county chairman and re-elected in 1934 by a one hundred per cent vote. He has attended all of the democratic conventions of Henderson county and several of the state conventions. On September 5, 1933, he was appointed by Governor Horner to the position of field agent of the retailers' occupational tax. He and his wife attend the Methodist Church, of which Mrs. Rehling is a member. Since 1898 he has been identified with the Independent Order of Odd Fellows and was captain of all degree work for a number of years. Mr. Rehling has the reputation of being one hundred per cent honest, a "square shooter" and thoroughly conscientious in his work, whether it is for his own business or that of the public. He makes friends everywhere and justly merits the high regard in which he is uniformly held.

JOHN W. PETRIE

At various times John W. Petrie has been chosen chairman of the democratic county central committee of Mercer county. In business affairs he has also been active as a farmer and he is now receiver for the Peoples National Bank at Monmouth, Warren county. He makes his home at New Windsor, Mercer county, and is most widely and favorably known throughout his section of the state. His birth occurred in the same locality March 6, 1886, his parents being Cornelius L. and Sylvina (Coleman) Petrie. The father was born in Richland Grove township, Mercer county, September 25, 1849, and his wife's birth occurred in Rivoli township, on the 13th of April, 1851. She has passed away, having been called to her final rest January 2, 1907. Cornelius L. Petrie, however, is still living. He was a farmer and stock raiser through practically his entire active business life and he yet occupies the old homestead farm. His political support was given to the republican party until 1896, when he took a helpful part in the William Jennings Bryan campaign, remaining a democrat since. For many years he was an active member of the Methodist Church, but since the church of that denomination in his neighborhood has been discontinued he has joined the Presbyterian Church.

John W. Petrie attended the public schools of Mercer county and the high school at Windsor. He was reared to the occupation of farming, which has claimed his time and energies throughout the major part of his life. He still occupies the old home place in Rivoli township and in the care and management of the property shows that he is thoroughly familiar with the most advanced agricultural methods. In October, 1933, he was appointed receiver for the Peoples National Bank of Monmouth and is now performing the duties of that position in connection with the management of his farm.

Mr. Petrie has always taken an active part in local democratic affairs since old enough to have thorough understanding of political questions. In

1913 he was elected supervisor of Rivoli township and has served continuously since, acting a part of the time as chairman of the board. The excellent service which he has rendered in this connection has led to his re-election every two or four years since 1913. On several different occasions he has served on the democratic central committee of Mercer county and in June, 1933, he was appointed chairman to fill out the unexpired term of Judge J. P. Califf. He resigned as chairman of the committee on account of his being a receiver of a national bank. In April, 1934, he was elected chairman of the county committee and is the present incumbent in the office, so that he is now directing the interests of the party in this section. Fraternally he is a Mason and a Moose and he has many friends in those orders because of his loyalty to the principles of the organizations and because of his social nature, which has gained for him warm and kindly regard wherever he is known.

JOSEPH E. RAGEN

Joseph E. Ragen, warden of the Southern Illinois Penitentiary at Chester, has figured actively in public affairs of this part of the state for a number of years. He was born in Trenton, Clinton county, Illinois, November 22, 1897, his parents being William and Molly (Rinesmith) Regan. The father, also a native of Clinton county, this state, born in 1869, engaged in the profession of school teaching until 1902. During the past three decades and more he has also been prominent in local politics as a loyal supporter of the democratic party. He served as sheriff of Clinton county from 1902 until 1906, was deputy sheriff during the succeeding four years and again held the office of sheriff from 1910 until and from 1922 until 1926, while for four years thereafter he served once more as deputy sheriff.

His wife, who bore the maiden name of Molly Rinesmith, was born in Carlyle, Clinton county, Illinois, and taught school prior to her marriage. She comes of a family of stalwart democrats. Her father was chief of police in Carlyle for more than a quarter of a century, from 1833 until 1910.

Joseph E. Ragen acquired his education in the public and parochial schools of Carlyle, Illinois. During the years 1918 and 1919 he served in the United States Navy, stationed at Great Lakes, Illinois, and was assigned to sea duty on the U. S. S. New Mexico and Adirondack. Following the close of the World war he returned to Illinois and subsequently spent two years in Texas, again coming back to this state in 1922. He served as deputy sheriff of Clinton county under his father from 1922 until 1926 and during the succeeding four years held the office of sheriff, to which he had been elected by the largest majority ever given a candidate for the position in the history of the county. He was next county treasurer for two years beginning in 1930 and resigned the position to accept that of warden at the Illinois State Penitentiary at Chester, February 5, 1933, in which capacity he has proved a highly desirable public servant.

On November 25, 1926, Mr. Ragen was united in marriage to Miss Loretta Heyer, a native of Breese, Clinton county, Illinois, and a daughter of John Heyer, a coal miner. The Heyers are strong adherents of the democratic party. Mr. and Mrs. Ragen are the parents of two children, Jane and William J. Mr. Ragen has fraternal affiliations with the Knights of Columbus and also belongs to the American Legion.

CARL B. BERTER

Carl B. Berter, who has been an active and successful representative of the legal profession in Quincy during the past fifteen years, served as master in chancery from 1929 to 1931 inclusive. He was born in Quincy, Adams county, Illinois, June 26, 1892, his parents being Bernard H. and Elizabeth (Hoelker) Berter.

In the acquirement of an education Carl B. Berter attended St. Francis

school at Quincy and continued his studies at Quincy College, from which he was graduated in 1908, while two years later, in 1910, he was graduated from the Gem City Business College. He attended Georgetown University of Washington, D. C. from 1914 to 1918, being graduated from the law department of that institution in the latter year, and in 1920 he received the degree of Certified Public Accountant from the University of Illinois. He was admitted to the bar in 1917, entered the United States Army in May, 1918, and began the practice of law in Quincy, following his honorable discharge from military service in April, 1919, and has since maintained a law office in the city of Quincy, manifesting his legal learning and ability in the capable handling of important litigated interests. Mr. Berter has attended the democratic state conventions and is widely recognized as a loyal and enthusiastic supporter of his party.

On the 19th of October, 1921, Mr. Berter was united in marriage to Lillian Maas, daughter of Edward and Rosa Maas. Mr. Berter is a member of the American Legion and a communicant of St. Francis Catholic Church and is also affiliated with the Knights of Columbus, the Loyal Order of Moose and the Fraternal Order of Eagles.

EMMETT PATRICK GRIFFIN

Through appointment of Governor Horner, Emmett Patrick Griffin is serving as a member of the state planning board, and he is also vice chairman of the St. Louis regional planning commission and superintendent of the East St. Louis park district. These positions at once establish him as a leading representative of his profession, for his work in connection with public and municipal park grounds has been of a most important character and has won him wide attention. He displays initiative and originality in his work and at the same time does not lightly discard old and established methods. He entered upon active connection with the park district system in 1913 and his record through all the intervening period, covering more than two decades, is a most commendable one.

East St. Louis proudly claims Mr. Griffin as a native son. He was born February 22, 1887, of the marriage of John M. and Nora (Kissane) Griffin, both of Irish lineage, although the Kissane family originated in France. The year 1882 witnessed the arrival of John M. Griffin in the new world and he established his home at Mattoon, Illinois, where for two years he was in the service of the Big Four Railway, removing in 1884 to East St. Louis. For many years he was connected with the railroads and afterward established a hotel business. He died in June, 1934. The democratic party always found in him a stalwart supporter.

After attending public and parochial schools in East St. Louis, Emmett P. Griffin entered Smith Academy at St. Louis, Missouri, and in 1907 was graduated from Christian Brothers College of that city with the Bachelor of Science degree. He then entered the employ of Swift & Company, with whom he remained for two years, after which he became identified with the engineering department of East St. Louis and in 1911 was made engineer of the park district. The year 1912 brought him promotion to the assistant superintendency and in 1913 he was made superintendent and engineer. He continues as superintendent of the East St. Louis park board and under his direction various parks have been designed and developed, including Virginia Park, twelve acres; Jones Park, one hundred and thirty acres; North Boulevard, fifteen acres; Bluff Park, twenty-two and a half acres; Oak Park, three acres; Cannady Park, four acres; and Lincoln Park, eighteen acres. At the present time Mr. Griffin has under his immediate supervision the largest project of them all, the construction of Lake Park, with an area of eleven hundred and thirty acres. The high professional skill which Mr. Griffin has achieved has led to his appointment as vice chairman of the St. Louis regional planning commission and to his appointment as a member of the state planning board by Governor Horner.



Eunet Biggin

On the 14th of November, 1929, Mr. Griffin was united in marriage to Miss Mildred E. Nester, of East St. Louis, her parents being Mr. and Mrs. Joseph N. Nester, natives of Pennsylvania, who for about half a century have been residents of East St. Louis, Illinois, where Mr. Nester operates the glass factory. In the acquirement of an education Mrs. Griffin attended public and parochial schools in East St. Louis and St. Mary's of the Woods Academy in Indiana. She is an active member of the Catholic Church and by her marriage has become the mother of two sons: John Joseph, born August 16, 1930; and Emmett Patrick, Jr., born August 24, 1933.

Mr. Griffin was reared a Catholic and is a past grand knight of the Knights of Columbus. He also belongs to the Ancient Order of Hibernians and the Loyal Order of Moose and is a past exalted ruler of the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks. In politics he has ever been a strong supporter of democratic principles and he was chairman of the reception committee on Governor Horner's visits to East St. Louis during the 1932 campaign and was chairman of the finance committee for his campaign in St. Clair county. He has served several years on the county committee and has been a delegate to all the state conventions since 1912. Notwithstanding his democratic connection, Governor Emmerson appointed him one of the fifteen members of the Illinois state planning commission and also chairman of the East St. Louis relief committee of the governor's commission on employment and relief. He has served as vice president, secretary, treasurer and director of the American Institute of Park Executives and is a member of the American Society of Engineers, the American Association of Engineers, the Illinois Engineering Society, and the American Civic Association, while of the St. Clair county regional plan commission he is chairman. Step by step he has advanced along professional lines. His ability has been constantly broadened by experience and study and he has ever been actuated by high ideals, while a spirit of determination has enabled him to carry out well formulated plans and high purpose for the benefit of the park system of his native city.

MRS. M. LILLY RIFE

Mrs. M. Lilly Rife is closely identified with all those agencies which make for intellectual, cultural and moral progress in Villa Ridge and Pulaski county. Her labors have been far-reaching and beneficial and she is outstanding among those who largely give their services to benefit their fellowmen. Mrs. Rife was born in Pulaski county, a daughter of Dr. Berry A. and Sarah Jane (Bankson) Royal, the latter a daughter of George and Sarah Bankson, who were natives of Tennessee and Pulaski county, Illinois, respectively. Mr. Bankson became a farmer of this county, where he settled about 1820, more than a hundred years ago, so that Mrs. Rife is a representative of one of the oldest and most honored pioneer families of this section of the state.

M. Lilly Royal pursued her education in the grade schools of Villa Ridge and in the Southern Illinois State Normal University at Carbondale, after which she began reading medicine under the direction of her father. Subsequently she entered Northwestern University and was graduated on the completion of a course in pharmacy in 1895. In the fall of that year she became the wife of Dr. William C. Rife, a native of Pulaski county, where for thirty years he actively and successfully engaged in the practice of medicine, while her father practiced medicine in this section for more than a half century, the Royal family having come from Virginia to Illinois in pioneer times. Dr. William C. Rife was president of the First State Bank of Mounds, and Dr. B. A. Royal was president of the First National Bank. To Dr. and Mrs. Rife were born two sons, Dr. Berry B. Rife and William E. Rife. The former was a member of the Students Army Training Corps at Westminster College of Fulton, Missouri, at the time of the World war. He married Charlotte Ledden,

of St. Louis, and they are the parents of three children, Berry, Charles and James. William E. Rife, a successful dairyman and farmer of Pulaski county, Illinois, married Mary Thielecke, daughter of Edward and Cora (Bartleson) Thielecke, of Grand Chain, Pulaski county, Illinois. Edward Thielecke was for many years editor of the *Cairo Bulletin*. Mr. and Mrs. William E. Rife are the parents of two daughters and a son, namely: Mary Jane, Barbara and Edward.

In 1923 Mrs. M. Lilly Rife became a member of the Federated Women's Clubs and was elected to a place on the board of the local organization. For two years she was chairman of music and for a similar period served as president of the local body. She then became vice president of the district, serving for one year, after which she was district president for two years, retiring in 1934. She has taken a most active and helpful interest in club work and has done everything in her power to secure the adoption of the high ideals for which the club stands. Both the Rife and Royal families have been lifelong democrats but representatives of neither family have aspired to public office, although giving enthusiastic support to the party. Mrs. Rife has always endorsed the same political principles. She belongs to the Eastern Star and is a member of the Congregational Church and in the church work has taken active and helpful part. She was a teacher in the Sunday school and afterward superintendent thereof for many years, and for a number of years she has been a trustee on the state board of the church. Her influence has been widely felt for the moral progress of the community, and whatever she has undertaken she has striven untiringly to accomplish, working consistently for the uplift of the individual and the advancement of community welfare at large.

LEO W. LENANE

Leo W. Lenane, Quincy's chief executive, was called to the mayoralty in April, 1933, and has since given his attention to the direction of the affairs of the office. He tempers progressiveness with a safe conservatism and at the same time is accomplishing valuable results in the direction of municipal affairs in this his native city. He was born February 5, 1891, a son of Patrick and Mary K. (Wrenn) Lenane, both of whom were natives of Ireland. The father was born in County Limerick, March 29, 1866, and the mother in County Clare, April 2, 1868. Patrick Lenane came to America when a young man and settled in Chicago but after a few years removed to Quincy. He was with the Wabash Railway Company for twenty or more years and he was prominently known in Adams county, where for twelve years he served as a member of the board of county supervisors. In politics he was always a staunch democrat and he was also well known in musical circles, having filled the office of president of the Musicians Union of Quincy for about ten years. He died in August, 1915, while serving as supervisor, and his son Thomas, who is now state representative, was chosen to fill out the last eighteen months of his father's unexpired term. His wife, who had come to America in 1883, survived her husband until 1916. Their family numbered six children, namely: Thomas J., who is a representative from the thirty-sixth district in the fifty-eighth general assembly of Illinois and is mentioned at length on another page of this work; Leo W., of this review; Paul E., a resident of Quincy; Harry F., living in Los Angeles, California; Hugh E., who makes his home at Wisconsin Rapids, Wisconsin; and May, the wife of Howard Buchert, of Quincy, Illinois.

Leo W. Lenane was educated in the public and parochial schools of Quincy and in early boyhood began working in a butcher shop. He learned the trade and was employed in the butchering business for twelve years. In 1913 he established an enterprise of that kind on his own account and afterward was in business with his brother-in-law, continuing actively in that field until elected mayor of Quincy in April, 1933. He had built up a good business and was

numbered among the prominent representatives of commercial interests here. Before his election to the mayoralty he had served for five years, from 1928 until 1933, as alderman, so that he was thoroughly familiar with the business of the city and well qualified to take up the reins of control over municipal affairs. During his administration he has cut the budget \$91,458.00, has promoted much sewer and street work and lowered the tax rate from 1.17 to 1.03. The city council is composed of eight democrats and six republicans.

In 1916 Mr. Lenane was united in marriage to Miss Rose Fichter, a daughter of Herman Fichter, and to them has been born a son, Donald. Mr. Lenane is well known in church and social circles. He is a Catholic in religious faith and he belongs to the Western Catholic Union, to the Fraternal Order of Eagles, to the Loyal Order of Moose and the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks. He is also a member of the South Side Boat Club and he has long occupied a place among the outstanding men of Quincy, where his interests have always centered and where his labors have been productive of excellent results in behalf of the general good.

MRS. ELOISE N. MORGAN

Mrs. Eloise N. Morgan, of Payson, where she is serving as postmaster, belongs to one of the old families of Illinois, being a daughter of Walter S. and Maggie (Peter) Nesbitt and a granddaughter of Samuel S. and Emily (Wheeler) Nesbitt. Samuel S. Nesbitt was born in Orangeville, New York, February 10, 1839, and came to this state in 1859, when a young man of twenty years. He settled first in DeKalb county, where he taught school for a few years, during which time he devoted his leisure hours to reading medicine, and in 1863 and 1864 he attended the University of Michigan as a medical student. He then taught for another term before entering the University of Buffalo, from which he was graduated in 1866 on the completion of a medical course. He began his practice in Virginia, Cass county, Illinois, but because of hard times he decided to abandon medicine and turn his attention to farming. In 1870 he removed to Adams county, settling on a farm two and one-half miles north of Payson. There he devoted his attention to the cultivation of his crops and to school teaching, carrying on farming until his retirement from business in 1911, when he removed to Payson, where he lived until his death on the 19th of May, 1930. It was in 1867 that he married Emily Wheeler, a native of Adams county, Illinois. He was very active in civic and political affairs and he served for six years as assessor of Burton township and was also township supervisor for a number of years. The cause of education ever found in him a stalwart champion and he was school director of both Burton and Payson. He always gave active support to the democratic party and was frequently a delegate to county and state conventions. He served for one year as superintendent of schools of Adams county by appointment and he was widely recognized as one of the valuable citizens of this part of the state. His widow, still in good health, is a resident of Payson. Their son, Walter S. Nesbitt, was born in Virginia, Illinois, in 1869 and from 1906 until 1908 he conducted a hardware store in Carthage, this state. In the latter year he removed to Payson, where he owned a harness shop to the time of his death, which occurred in 1930. In politics he, too, was a staunch democrat.

His daughter, Eloise, attended the public schools of Payson until graduated from high school with the class of 1924. She afterward taught for six years in the rural schools of Adams county and for three consecutive summers she attended the Western Illinois State Teachers College in Macomb. On the 18th of February, 1928, she became the wife of Kenneth A. Morgan, traveling representative for the Quincy Automotive Supply Company. Mr. and Mrs. Morgan are the parents of a son, Kenneth A., Jr.

Mrs. Morgan was very active in the work of the democratic party from

1930 until she was appointed to her present position and took a most helpful part in the campaign of 1932. In that year she served as chairman of the local unit of the Adams County Home Bureau. On the 29th of September, 1933, she was commissioned postmaster of Payson and is now acting in that capacity. She belongs to the Christian Church and has always been most loyal to its teachings. She is well known in Adams county, where she has many friends and where her entire life has been passed.

NORRIS RAMSAY LESSLEY

For almost one and a quarter centuries the Lessley family has been connected with the history and development of Randolph county, and while many of its members have been prominent and active in the upbuilding and progress of southwestern Illinois, none of the name has shared to greater degree in the love, goodwill and friendship of his fellowmen than did Norris Ramsay Lessley, who departed this life September 5, 1934, at which time he had reached the age of sixty-eight years, nine months and twenty-five days. He exemplified in his life the truth of the Emersonian philosophy that the way to win a friend is to be one. He was always genial and kindly, loved his fellowmen and in return had their warmest regard and sympathy.

Norris R. Lessley was born November 11, 1865, on the old family homestead near Houston, Randolph county, Illinois, on which his great-grandfather, Hugh Lessley, had settled in 1812. The ancestral line can be traced back to Matthew Lessley, the great-great-grandfather of Norris R. Lessley, who with four of his sons, did active service for the cause of independence in the Revolutionary war. The founders of the family in the new world were natives of Ireland but were of Scotch descent and came to America in the early part of the eighteenth century. As previously stated, the family was established in Illinois in 1812 by Hugh Lessley, who came from the Abbeville district of South Carolina with his family and settled on the land he finally claimed under the bit act of 1818 and which now constitutes a part of the estate of Norris Ramsay Lessley. Hugh Lessley married Jane McCully and they were the parents of Samuel Lessley, who wedded Isabel McNulty, whose son, James M. Lessley, married Rachel Eva Ramsay. The last named was a cousin of Rufus N. Ramsay, who was state treasurer of Illinois in 1893 and who died November 1, 1894, at which time his son, Elijah P. Ramsay, was appointed by the governor to fill the office vacated by his father. The grandfather of Norris R. Lessley in the maternal line furnished the surrey and driver for Stephen A. Douglas for use in the campaign against Lincoln. Both the Lessley and Ramsay families were always democrats.

Norris R. Lessley, son of James M. and Rachel Eva (Ramsay) Lessley, was educated in the public schools of Randolph county. He became largely interested in real estate and he was widely known as a breeder of shorthorn cattle, Poland China hogs and Shropshire sheep. He was also a lover of harness horses and maintained a stable of trotting and pacing horses that his father and his uncle, S. W. Lessley, had purchased in Kentucky years ago. He had kept the original strain on the old home farm and at his death still had one animal that traced to the foundation stock of the original shipment from Kentucky. He was one of the promoters of the old Houston Live Stock Show and in more recent years was active in the Randolph County Fair Association. Mr. Lessley did much to stimulate an interest in high-grade stock and to improve the stock raised in his section of the state. He was the owner of many acres of land in the vicinity of Houston upon which he placed the most modern improvements. In 1911 he removed to Sparta to become president of the Sparta State Bank, a position which he held until his death. He became very active in the business, social and fraternal affairs of the city and county and in all these wielded a wide and beneficial influence.

On the 19th of December, 1889, Mr. Lessley was married to Miss Fannie



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Agnes Fulton at her home in Hill Prairie, the wedding ceremony being performed by the Rev. J. B. Fleming. They became parents of one son, James Vernon Lessley, who is now postmaster of Sparta, and one daughter, Lela May, who died at the age of fourteen months.

At the time of his death Mr. Lessley was president of the Randolph County Historical Society and was deeply interested in preserving the old records of the early days. He was a thirty-second degree Mason and took pride in his membership in Hope Lodge, No. 162, A. F. & A. M.; Staley Chapter, No. 103, R. A. M.; Sparta Chapter, No. 411, O. E. S., of Sparta; Mississippi Valley Consistory, A. A. S. R.; and Ainad Temple, A. A. O. N. M. S., of East St. Louis.

While Mr. Lessley never held nor desired public elective office, he was always counted on as a backer of democratic principles and gave his time and money to the party when work was its own reward. He served as chairman of all the democratic committees in his county and district and only asked that his friends who requested recognition be given fair treatment from the hands of the party which he so ardently supported. When he was called from this life, the Rev. James Cameron Murdoch in his funeral sermon quoted: "A merry heart maketh a cheerful countenance." "He that is of a cheerful heart hath a continual feast." "A cheerful countenance doeth good like medicine." In those quotations Rev. Murdoch found the expression of the life of Mr. Lessley, and he further said: "Think of the unconceivable good he did in this community because he simply met people with a friendly smile . . . He had a host of friends because he showed himself friendly." One of the local newspapers said: "Known in recent years as 'Dad,' a nickname he chose for himself when he was an active member of the Sparta Rotary Club, he demonstrated at all times the value of a smile. He had a cheerful word for the stranger in the street as well as the acquaintance of long standing. He had but to meet a fellowman to list him as among his friends. There was no 'high-hat' attitude about 'Dad' Lessley. He was as 'common' as the dirt to which his mortal remains have been consigned. His cheerful greeting erased many a sorrow and replaced it with gladness. His 'cheerful countenance' did 'good like medicine.' 'Dad' wouldn't appreciate this effort to eulogize him, but if he could know it is from the hearts of thousands of his true friends who basked in the sunlight of his smile, we feel sure he would forgive us. May there be many who might take him as an example as they distribute cheer in wholesale quantities through the medium of a smile and a cheerful countenance."

Mr. Lessley was a devoted husband and father and a faithful friend, and his memory will be cherished for years to come not only by the members of his own household but by all who knew him. His well spent life was an inspiration to those with whom he came in contact and his life story should be accorded a prominent place in the history of Randolph county.

HORACE B. GARMAN

On the roster of leading attorneys at Deatur appears the name of Horace B. Garman, who since 1922 has here engaged in the practice of law, his ability winning for him a large clientele. At the present writing he is serving a member of the Illinois State Board of Bar Examiners. A native of Illinois, he was born in Champaign county, July 19, 1897, his parents being Isaac H. and Minnie B. (Garrison) Garman, who are also natives of Champaign county, where the father's people settled in pioneer times, having come to Illinois from Pennsylvania in 1843. Isaac H. Garman followed railroading in early life and afterward became a steam engineer. Since 1896 he has been an active democrat, voting the party ticket when William Jennings Bryan was a candidate for the presidency. He served as precinct committeeman and he did all in his power to promote the growth and insure the success of the party. His wife's people settled in Champaign county prior to the Civil war, and among her forefathers were those who fought in the Revolutionary war and also in

the long conflict between the north and the south. Both the father and mother are now living retired in Champaign county.

Horace B. Garman obtained a public school education in Urbana, completing the work of the grades and the high school and afterward enrolling in the University of Illinois, in which he pursued his classical course, winning his Bachelor of Arts degree upon graduation with the class of 1919. He then enrolled as a law student and gained his LL.B. degree in 1922. In October of the same year he passed the required bar examination and was admitted to practice in the courts of Illinois. For three years Mr. Garman served as assistant dean of men at the University of Illinois while studying law. It was in 1922 that he came to Decatur and opened a law office in the Millikin building, where he has since remained. Through the intervening years he has built up a large and growing practice that has steadily increased in volume and importance. He has been connected with much important litigation tried in the courts of the district and his ability is widely acknowledged. He is a member of the firm of McMillen, McMillen & Garman.

In 1930 Mr. Garman was united in marriage to Miss Ethel Emery, a native of Macon county, Illinois, and a daughter of Albert and Bertie (Ross) Emery, representing pioneer families of this part of the state. Mr. Emery is a railroad conductor. Mr. and Mrs. Garman are members of the Methodist Episcopal Church and are interested in all that pertains to the uplift and benefit of the individual and of the community at large. Both are active supporters of the democratic party. Mr. Garman was a candidate for the office of state's attorney of Macon county in 1928, has attended many state, congressional and judicial conventions of his party and was a visitor to the democratic national convention in Chicago in 1932. He belongs to the Macon County, Illinois State and American Bar Associations and at all times keeps in touch with the advanced thought of the profession and follows its highest ethical standards. Fraternally he is a Mason and is ever loyal to the teachings and purposes of the craft.

EVERETT LESLIE DALBEY

Everett Leslie Dalbey, prominent attorney and master in chancery in Danville, Illinois, belongs to one of the state's pioneer democratic families, members of whom were invariably staunch and rugged supporters of the Jeffersonian principles. He was born near Muncie, Vermilion county, Illinois, May 10, 1889, and is a son of Verner R. and Sarah G. (Lueas) Dalbey. His birth occurred on the old home farm, established by his parents and hallowed by fine traditions.

Mr. Dalbey's ancestors settled in Pennsylvania, and the first of the family to come to Illinois was Aaron Dalbey, great-grandfather of the immediate subject of this sketch. His wife was before marriage to him Nancy Kizer, and together they settled in Vermilion county, Illinois, where he built and operated one of the first grist mills. In addition, he had a wool-carding machine, and from the native black walnut he made burial caskets for the community. His home was a favorite stopping-place for travelers, and among those who accepted his fireside hospitality was Abraham Lincoln, during his political jaunts around the state. Other notables also visited them. Aaron Dalbey died March 18, 1855, and was buried in the old Dalbey cemetery south of Muncie, Illinois. He was thrice married. He was first united in marriage October 12, 1815, to Christann Prong, who passed away August 16, 1827. He was married secondly, on January 1, 1829, to Nancy Kizer, who was born October 19, 1804, and died August 26, 1835. Aaron Dalbey was married the third time, June 23, 1837, to Henrietta Catlin, who was born November 16, 1821. After her husband's death, she married John MacFarland and lived with him until her death on April 23, 1907.

Everett Leslie Dalbey's grandfather was Samuel Dalbey, son of Aaron and Nancy (Kizer) Dalbey. Verner R. Dalbey was a son of Samuel, who was born near Newtown, Oakwood township, Vermilion county, Illinois, May 8, 1856.

He became a very prominent man in the county. He remained a farmer all of his life, which terminated in August, 1925, but he also bought and shipped grain and conducted a general merchandising business in Muncie, Illinois. He and his wife were strong members of the Baptist Church, and he was superintendent of the Sunday School at the time of his death. He was a democrat of the first water, and for several years was postmaster of Muncie, also clerk of the local village board and member of the school board.

Sarah G. (Lucas) Dalbey, mother of Everett L., was born in Veedersburg, Indiana, and now lives near Danville, Illinois. She is a daughter of Joseph G. Lucas, Jr., whose father, the senior, was one of the pioneer merchants of Stone Bluff and Veedersburg. The original members of the Lucas family to come to America were merchants from London, England. The junior Lucas became associated with his father in merchandising, and also taught school, but when he came to Illinois he established a store in Muncie.

Everett L. Dalbey went through the grade and high schools of Danville, then took a full academic and legal course in the University of Illinois, and from this institution received his Bachelor of Law degree in 1913. He made an excellent record for scholarship, and was a member of the Order of Coif, a scholarship organization. He also belonged to the Phi Delta Phi fraternity there. Mr. Dalbey, his studies completed, was duly admitted to the bar in July, 1913, and for ten years thereafter practiced his profession with the well known firm of Rearick & Meeks in Danville. This was valuable experience and an excellent foundation for his future career. After a brief time in private practice, he formed a partnership with Judge Lawrence T. Allen, and this fortunate association now exists. They have a large clientele in the surrounding territory and practice mostly in corporation law. Mr. Dalbey is a member of the Vermilion County Bar Association and the Illinois State Bar Association. He has consistently been observant of the highest ethics of his profession, and his reputation as a lawyer is one of which he may well be proud.

On September 9, 1909, occurred the marriage of Everett L. Dalbey and Leah G. Collett, who was reared and educated in Muncie, and is the daughter of the late Lemuel G. and Dora (McFarland) Collett, the former having been a native of Indiana and the latter of Illinois. Mr. and Mrs. Dalbey have become the happy parents of four children. Dora Wintress, the oldest, was educated at the University of Illinois, and is now dietician in St. Luke's Hospital in Chicago. Beulah Marie Kennedy, the second daughter, formerly a student in the University of Illinois, is now residing with her husband, Thomas B. Kennedy, a student in the law school of said university; Sarah Henrietta, and Everett Linden, are in the public schools in Danville.

Mr. and Mrs. Dalbey are both democrats and firm believers in the party administration. They are likewise both members of the First Baptist Church and Mr. Dalbey is a trustee. Mrs. Dalbey belongs to the popular Woman's Club of Danville, and her husband holds membership with the Danville Chamber of Commerce, the Young Men's Christian Association, the Exchange Club, the Danville Country Club, and the Benevolent Protective Order of Elks.

RAYMOND E. POWERS

Raymond E. Powers, of Aurora, who is superintendent of the Illinois Free Employment Service, was born in Belvidere, Boone county, this state, July 5, 1903, a son of Maurice and Mary (Doran) Powers, also natives of Belvidere. The father, who made farming his life work, passed away in 1916. The mother still survives and makes her home in Rockford, to which city she removed in 1920. In the family were four sons and three daughters: Irene became the wife of Leon B. Pooley and they have three children, Rose Marie, Robert and Marguerite; John is the second of the family; Leslie married Peggy Eckstrom

and they have one child; Bessie is the fourth member of the family; Maurice married Elsie Johnson and they have one child, Patsy Ann; Raymond E., is the sixth in order of birth; and Dolly, who completes the family, is at home.

In the country schools near Belvidere, Raymond E. Powers pursued his studies for two years and then continued his education in the city schools of Belvidere. After completing the work of the eighth grade he spent two years in the Belvidere high school and next entered St. Thomas high school in Rockford. When his textbooks were put aside he entered the employ of the Swords Brothers Company, owners of a wholesale electrical and radio house, with whom he continued until May 14, 1932, when the business was closed out. In April, 1930, Sword's Brothers had opened a branch in Aurora, of which Mr. Powers was made manager, having charge of the electrical and radio department. In April, 1933, he was appointed superintendent of the Illinois Free Employment Bureau at Aurora and is now directing the affairs of the office here, his efficiency being widely attested. He has long been active in democratic politics and his work in this connection is well known.

On the 5th of May, 1934, Mr. Powers was married to Miss Alma Knapp, the only child of Mr. and Mrs. Rudolph Knapp, of Aurora, where her father represents Osear Mayer as a salesman. They attend St. Mary's Roman Catholic Church and Mr. Powers belongs to the Elks Lodge No. 705 of Aurora and to the Loyal Order of Moose in this city. He also has membership in the Illinois Young Democratic Club, in the work of which he has taken a helpful part, having had charge of the headquarters during the 1932 campaign. He has also been greatly interested in athletics and sports and was the athletic director and coach of the Swords Brothers Industrial League teams. This position covered all of the sports in which the League participated, including basketball, baseball and bowling, and in bowling they finished with a grand team average of 193 for ninety games. Mr. Powers has thus become well known in athletic circles and the public recognizes the fact that he accomplishes what he undertakes.

JAMES VERNON LESSLEY

James Vernon Lessley, postmaster of Sparta, is a member of a family that has been represented in Randolph county for one hundred and twenty-two years and has figured prominently in its agricultural development. The house in Houston, Illinois, where he first opened his eyes to the light of day on the 13th of May, 1891, has been the birthplace of seven generations of the Lessley family. His parents are Norris Ramsay and Fannie Agnes (Fulton) Lessley, the former born November 11, 1865, and the latter February 3, 1874. The father died September 5, 1934. The maternal grandfather of our subject was a native of Scotland and a farmer by occupation. The American progenitor of the Lessley family was Matthew Lessley, who also emigrated to the new world from Scotland and who fought in the Revolutionary war together with his four sons. Hugh Lessley, one of the sons, came to Illinois from the Abbeville district of South Carolina in 1812, locating first in the vicinity of what is now Preston, Randolph county. The following spring he moved to the Plum Creek district and squatted in township 4, range 6, section 21, now the town of Houston, where the succeeding generations of the family have remained. There was no way to acquire title to the property until 1818, when Illinois became a state. The Lessleys purchased land under the famous bit act (12½¢ an acre) and at one time held about three thousand acres, most of which is still in possession of the family. Hugh Lessley had a son, Samuel, who became the father of James Lessley. The latter married Eva Ramsay, daughter of Norris Ramsay, who drove Stephen A. Douglas about the state during his presidential campaign. Norris Ramsay Lessley, son of James and Eva (Ramsay) Lessley, is the father of James Vernon Lessley, the immediate subject of this review.

J. Vernon Lessley acquired his early education in the rural schools and con-



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tinued his studies at the Southern Illinois State Normal University of Carbondale, while subsequently he pursued a special course in agriculture at the University of Illinois. In 1911 he formed a partnership with his father for the operation of the large ancestral farm in Randolph county, specializing in the breeding of pedigreed stock. He remained on the home farm, managing his father's estate, until 1922, when he removed to Sparta, and for six years thereafter he was the representative of the Illinois Agricultural Association in the twenty-fifth congressional district. He also served as secretary and treasurer of the County Farm Bureau and was for some time a field representative and salesman with the Thompson Phosphate Company. In 1928 Mr. Lessley was elected county commissioner of Randolph county, governed by a board of three commissioners, and he served most acceptably in that capacity until 1933, when he was appointed postmaster of Sparta, the duties of which position he has since discharged with the utmost efficiency and fidelity. Following in the political footsteps of his forebears, he has always been a loyal supporter of the democratic party and its principles.

In 1911 Mr. Lessley was united in marriage to Mabel Mary Brown, a native of Perey, Randolph county, Illinois, and a daughter of J. C. and Molly Brown, the latter a representative of the prominent Short family. J. C. Brown was a merchant and also owned extensive tracts of coal land which brought him considerable wealth. Mr. Lessley is a consistent member of the Presbyterian Church and fraternally is affiliated with the Masons and the Odd Fellows and is also a member of Phi Alpha Delta. He is a lover of God's great out-of-doors, finding particular zest in farm life.

GEORGE KEIM

George Keim, a representative resident of Kewanee, where he occupies the position of field agent in the oil department of the state, was born in Ottawa, Illinois. His parents Martin and Elizabeth Keim, were natives of Germany who on coming to the new world made their way to Illinois, settling in Ottawa many years ago. The mother was but six years of age when she was brought to the United States. Following their marriage the parents lived in Ottawa, where they reared their family, which numbered five sons and one daughter, all of whom became supporters of the democratic party. The father of the family, however, was a staunch republican. By trade he was a cooper but nevertheless worked along various lines and in his later years acted as manager of Turner Hall in Ottawa.

George Keim was educated in the schools of Ottawa and in early life took up the business of cigar manufacturing. Learning the trade, he then came to Kewanee, where he worked along that line for many years, or from 1894 until he sold the business some time after the World war. Mr. Keim was desk sergeant with the Kewanee police department for six years and he is now field agent for the Illinois oil department, having been appointed to this position in July, 1933.

In 1898 Mr. Keim was united in marriage to Miss Cora E. Bartlett, of Ottawa, who passed away in 1931, and they had two children, Louise, who is the wife of Lawrence Sparling and resides in Kewanee, Illinois; and Henry, who is associated with Montgomery Ward & Company at Bloomington and has two children, Mary Ann and Charlotte Lon. Mr. Keim has always been an active democrat, staunchly upholding the principles of the party, and he has frequently acted as a delegate to its conventions. He served as alderman of Kewanee for two terms, or four years, being elected once as a democratic candidate and once as a labor candidate. Since the Wilson administration Mr. Keim has been appointed the official collector for the county democratic committee's war chest and is now acting as its corresponding secretary. He is secretary-treasurer of the Henry County Regular Democratic Club. He always recognizes the duties and obligations which devolve upon him as an official

and as a citizen and his work in behalf of public welfare has been far-reaching and beneficial. Mrs. Keim was connected with the Episcopal Church, and for many years Mr. Keim was active in the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks.

JOHN P. KNOX

John P. Knox, county coroner of Sangamon county, with offices in the courthouse in Springfield, was born October 16, 1880, being a native son of Sangamon, as his birthplace was in Cartwright township. His parents were Thomas and Catherine (Fitzsimmons) Knox, the latter a native of old Berlin, Sangamon county. The father was born in County Kilkenny, Ireland, and when a youth of sixteen years sought the opportunities of the new world, settling in Pleasant Plains, Sangamon county. He attended the Hensley school in Cartwright township, working on a farm for his board. In 1876 he married and began farming on his own account, removing to Curran township in 1881 and there spending his remaining days. He always gave his political allegiance to the democratic party, becoming one of its active workers and serving on the school board and in township offices. His death occurred on the old home place in 1891. Mrs. Knox survives and is now living in Springfield.

After acquiring a public school education in his home locality John P. Knox took up as his life work the occupation to which he had been reared. However, he followed farming only to the age of twenty-six, when he removed to Springfield to concentrate his attention upon the live stock business, in which he has since been successfully engaged. He is a member of the Sangamon County Farm Bureau. Always interested in public affairs and realizing the duties and obligations as well as the privileges of citizenship, he has worked for the political principles in which he believes. In 1916 he was an unsuccessful candidate for county coroner but was elected to that office in 1932 and is now giving efficient service in that capacity. From 1930 until 1932 he was a member of the county board of supervisors from Springfield township and has labored untiringly to advance the interests of the county through the exercise of his official prerogatives. He has been a delegate to several state and district conventions of his party and for a number of years served as a member of the county democratic committee.

In 1907 Mr. Knox was married to Miss Esther L. Dickerson, of Curran township, Sangamon county, Illinois, and they have nine children: Thomas, Donald, Kathryn, Lewis, Carroll, Lawrence, Howard Paul and Joseph. The family attend St. Agnes Roman Catholic Church.

PETER McDERMOTT

When a youth of eighteen years Peter McDermott became a worker in democratic ranks and for thirty-five years, with the exception of a brief period, he has served as a member of the democratic county central committee of Lake county. He makes his home in Waukegan, where he was born September 1, 1857. His father, John McDermott, was a native of Ireland and in young manhood came to the United States, where he engaged in business as a road builder and excavation contractor. After becoming a naturalized citizen he voted with the democratic party and always gave to it his entire allegiance. He married Catherine Smith, who was born at Fort Dearborn before it became the city of Chicago and who was only a year old when her parents removed to Lake county.

Peter McDermott was educated in the public schools of Waukegan and started out to provide for his own support by working in a tannery, where he learned the currier's trade. After three years he went to Chicago, where he worked for seven years on a machine in a brick kiln. He then returned to Waukegan, where he was in the employ of the city for five years, driving a fire team, but on the expiration of that period he resigned to enter the wholesale beer business. For the first three years he represented the Klinckel Brewing

Company of Racine, Wisconsin, and then took on the Schlitz distributing, so continuing for twenty-eight years or until prohibition was enacted. He then turned his attention to the real estate business but after the repeal of the eighteenth amendment he again became distributor for Schlitz products in Waukegan.

On the 27th of April, 1882, Mr. McDermott was united in marriage to Esther Tyerll, who was brought to Waukegan, Illinois at the age of four years. Mr. and Mrs. McDermott are the parents of five sons, as follows: Edward; Robert and George, twins; Albert, who is circuit clerk of Lake county; and Lawrence, who was formerly civil service city inspector.

Mr. McDermott has always been an active democrat, taking a helpful part in the affairs of the party from the age of eighteen years. In the early '80s he was elected alderman of Waukegan and continued to serve for nineteen years with one or two interruptions. His long continuance in the position is indicative of the fact that the public was satisfied with his service and felt that he promoted municipal welfare. When the city adopted the commission form of government he was a candidate for city commissioner and four years later was again a candidate but on both these occasions was defeated. Another four-year period passed and he was then elected a commissioner and assigned to the position of police commissioner, which he filled for four years, and as such was ex-officio chief of police. During the administration of President Wilson he was collector of the port of Waukegan, and with the exception of the four-year period when he was city commissioner he has been a member of the democratic county central committee for the past thirty-five years and served for three terms as its chairman. He was an alternate to the democratic national convention in Denver, Colorado, in 1908 and again to the national convention in St. Louis, Missouri, in 1916, on which occasion the delegate was unable to attend. He has been a delegate to practically all the state conventions for many years and he is well known to party leaders, having been a close personal friend of both Roger Sullivan and George Brennan. As one of the rock-ribbed leaders of democracy in Illinois he is widely known and has long been recognized as an influential factor in party politics.

M. DALE MORAHN

The democratic county central committee of La Salle county has as its efficient secretary M. Dale Morahn, of Ottawa, who has been a robust party worker since becoming of age. Born in Sheridan, Illinois, October 27, 1894, he is a son of Edward S. and Emma (Phillips) Morahn, both of whom have now passed away. The father was a very active democrat and for sixteen years served as chairman of the county central committee. Governor Dunne appointed him to the position of canal commissioner and treasurer of the waterway department and he continued to serve in that capacity until his death in 1925, having been reappointed by two republican governors. In this capacity he represented the state on several large sanitation and other public projects and he was dean of the department. He was both a chemist and pharmacist and his broad business experience and public spirit well qualified him for the office which he so long and ably filled. He was also well known in sporting circles, for through many years he was the owner of a large stable, having some of the finest stock ever exhibited on the turf.

M. Dale Morahn completed his public school education in the East Aurora high school and then studied law in Ottawa, in the office of Lee O'Neil Browne, the office that he still occupies. In 1920 he was admitted to the bar and since that time has been engaged in active law practice in Ottawa, where he has been accorded a liberal clientage. He is a close and earnest student in the preparation of his cases and his success is the direct outcome of his strict adherence to the highest requirements and standards of the profession. He belongs to both the local and state bar associations.

Mr. Morahn was enlisted in the United States Navy during the World war and was in the service for a year, acting as a wireless operator at Great Lakes. He was one of the organizers and now belongs to the American Legion of which he has served as judge advocate, and also to the Forty and Eight. Fraternally he is affiliated with the Masons as a member of the lodge and chapter, and belongs also to the Elks, of which he is a past exalted ruler. His interest in local welfare is indicated in his connection with the Chamber of Commerce. Politically a democrat, he is serving for the tenth year as secretary of the county central committee. He is also attorney for six banks in liquidation and is head of the Home Owners Loan Corporation for the Ottawa district.

In 1924 Mr. Morahn was united in marriage to Miss Florence Schott, of Chicago, and they are the parents of a daughter, Patricia. Mr. Morahn's pastime is golf. Like his father, he is also interested in racing and when leisure permits he indulges his taste for those sports.

HUGH IRVING CONN, M. D.

Dr. Hugh Irving Conn, a well known figure in democratic conventions of his district and who as a physician and surgeon of Newman is widely known in his part of the state, has continuously practiced since 1915, in which year he was graduated from Loyola University of Chicago. Indiana claims him as a native son, his birth having occurred in Danville, Hendricks county, May 24, 1891. His parents, James F. and Florence (Oakley) Conn, were also natives of the Hoosier state, where the father follows the occupation of farming. He is an active democrat who has served as committeeman for several years and who has held the office of township road supervisor for a number of years. His wife passed away July 20, 1920.

The public schools of Danville, Indiana, accorded Hugh I. Conn his early educational opportunities and he mastered the work of successive grades until he had completed the high school course. He next attended Loyola University of Chicago in preparation for his professional career and following his graduation in 1915 he served as interne in St. Elizabeth's Hospital at Danville, Illinois, for a year, gaining valuable experience in the wide and varied practice which is common in hospital work. He entered upon private practice in Metcalf, Edgar county, Illinois, on the 31st of July, 1916. Following America's entrance into the World war he was commissioned in December, 1917, a first lieutenant at the Medical Officers Training Camp at Fort Riley, Kansas, where he served as an instructor until he received his discharge in February, 1919.

Dr. Conn then returned to Metcalf, Illinois, where he practiced until December, 1921, when he came to Newman, Douglas county. Here he has continued in the general practice of both medicine and surgery and his work has given satisfaction to his many patrons. He keeps in touch at all times with the latest advances and scientific discoveries of the medical profession and his ability in coping with the intricate and complex problems that confront the physician is widely acknowledged.

Dr. Conn has always voted with the democratic party and he has been a delegate and visitor to many of the state, congressional and judicial conventions, while at all times he attends the local democratic meetings. He was a visitor to the national convention held in Chicago in 1932 and in the same year he was appointed deputy county coroner of Douglas county.

In 1917 Dr. Conn was united in marriage to Miss Madge Newkirk, a native of Chrisman, Edgar county, Illinois. Like her husband, Mrs. Conn has been active in democratic work since 1922 and was precinct committeewoman from 1930 until 1934. She has also attended the party conventions, and both the Doctor and his wife are members of the Jeffersonian Club of Douglas county.

Fraternally the Doctor is a thirty-second degree Mason and belongs to the Knights Templar commandery at Tuscola and to Ausrar Temple of the



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Mystic Shrine at Springfield. He has membership in the American Legion and in the Presbyterian Church. For several years he served on the board of education and the cause of the schools finds in him a stalwart champion. After all, he regards the practice of medicine as his real life work and has embraced every opportunity to increase his efficiency in that field, holding membership in the Douglas County Medical Society, the Aesculapian Medical Society, the Illinois State Medical Society and the American Medical Association.

HOWARD B. AUSTIN

Howard B. Austin, of Springfield, who is chief deputy county clerk of Sangamon county, became widely known to the public as a member of the quartet known as the Pawnee Four, which sang at political meetings all over the state for thirteen years. He was born at Blue Mound, Illinois, July 27, 1886, his parents being Benjamin F. and Julia A. (Biggs) Austin, also of Illinois nativity. The father was a member of an old democratic family and an active supporter of the party who served as justice of the peace in Christian county for more than forty years. His chief occupation was that of farming, but he also engaged for a time in the insurance business.

Howard B. Austin attended the grade and high schools of Christian county and later entered the Eastern Illinois State Teachers College at Charleston. Subsequently he taught school in Christian and Macon counties for a period of seven years, following which he served for a year and a half in the office of the county clerk at Taylorville. Putting aside official duties, he obtained a position as assistant cashier in the Farmers National Bank of Taylorville but left there to enter World war service as a member of the Three Hundred and Seventh Field Artillery of the Seventy-eighth Division, known as the Lightning Division. He served overseas for fourteen months and participated in the Argonne and St. Mihiel offensives. After the armistice he was made a musician, for his talent along that line has been well developed. Following his honorable discharge from the army he returned to the Farmers National Bank of Taylorville, with which he was connected until 1919, when he became vice president and cashier of the Pawnee State Bank of Pawnee, Illinois, with which he served until February 1, 1926, when he entered the insurance business, in which he continued for four years. In 1930 he was appointed to his present office as chief deputy county clerk at Springfield and has served in this capacity continuously since, doing commendable work in the prompt and faithful discharge of his duties. He has long been quite active as an exponent of party principles and for two years, or until 1932, he was secretary of the Sangamon county committee. He also served as precinct committeeman while in Pawnee. He broadened his acquaintance greatly in democratic circles by becoming a member of the Pawnee Four, a quartet with which he sang for thirteen years at banquets, public entertainments and political meetings throughout Illinois, and their music was an effective element in winning campaign audiences and promoting party successes. After the orator of the evening had finished his address Mr. Austin, who had taken it down in shorthand, would write the highlights of the address in rhyme with humorous comments, and the quartet would then sing it. The pleasant surprise both to the speaker and the audience was demonstrated in round after round of applause. Mr. Austin is also a member of the Roosevelt-Horner Democratic Organization of Sangamon county.

On the 23d of July, 1921, in Taylorville, Mr. Austin married Violet Mae Arthur, a daughter of Charles C. Arthur, of Ramsey, Illinois, who is a democratic voter. They have four children: Betty Ruth, Howard Robert and William Roger, who are attending the Butler public school of Springfield; and Arthur Dean. The family are members of the West Side Christian Church of Springfield and Mr. Austin belongs to Blue Mound Lodge, A. F. & A. M. He is also a member of the American Legion post of Springfield and while in Taylorville was connected with the J. Ivan Dappert Post, acting as its commander and

later as adjutant. He was also organizer and at one time commander of the Pawnee Post and thus he has maintained pleasant relationship with those who were his comrades in arms during the World war.

JOHN O'KEEFE

There are various chapters in the life record of John O'Keefe that are worthy of emphasis. He has been a most consistent party worker in the democratic field, but most of all he has done valuable service as manager of the Home for Aged and Disabled Railroad Employees at Highland Park. His work here has been of a most progressive character and he has achieved much that is beneficial to the inmates of the institution which he represents. Mr. O'Keefe was born in Scotland, August 24, 1864, a son of Michael and Mary (McNamara) O'Keefe, both of whom were natives of Ireland. The father brought his family to the United States in 1874 and was naturalized in 1881.

John O'Keefe obtained his early education in Scotland, being a lad of ten years when the family crossed the Atlantic, settlement being made on a farm in Osceola county, Iowa. There he continued his studies and in 1879 he entered the employ of the St. Paul & Sioux City Railroad as a section hand, becoming section boss when nineteen years of age. He later was made a brakeman and at twenty-one became a conductor. After two and one-half years in that service he went with the Union Pacific as a brakeman and in 1887 he entered the employ of the Chicago & Eastern Illinois Railway Company at Chicago, continuing with that company for six years.

During this time Mr. O'Keefe became active in democratic politics in Chicago. He was one of the original Carter H. Harrison men and he headed the fourth ward campaign in support of Harrison in 1893. Throughout the intervening years to the present time he has been an earnest worker in democratic circles. He was appointed city deputy smoke inspector in Chicago under Harrison and also served in that capacity under Mayor Hopkins. He was next employed by the Illinois Central Railroad as smoke inspector for a period of nineteen months and in 1897 he took the civil service examination for deputy smoke inspector and after being on the eligible list about a year was certified and served under Carter Harrison, Jr., until 1903 when he resigned to take up his present work. His political record won him high commendation and brought about good results for the party. He served for a time as democratic precinct committeeman in Chicago.

Mr. O'Keefe was also very active in organized labor and attended four international conventions as a delegate for the Brotherhood of men. In 1903 he was made secretary and treasurer and ex-officio manager of the Home for Aged and Disabled Railroad Employees of America, which home is owned and operated by the three brotherhoods of engineers, firemen and enginemen and railroad trainmen. At the time he took charge of the home there were eighteen inmates and today there are one hundred and forty-seven, with a staff of twenty men and women. Its assets in the beginning were six thousand, five hundred and seventy-seven dollars and today the assets amount to four hundred and fifty thousand dollars. Mr. O'Keefe has continued his activities in behalf of organized labor and is now one of the best known men in the state in railroad circles. In 1909, as manager of the Home, he made provisions for and financed the building of the new home at Highland Park and placed it on a firm financial basis, so that it now has a fixed and sufficient income.

After removing to Lake county Mr. O'Keefe continued his activities in democratic politics and in 1904 was elected a member of the democratic county committee, of which he was made chairman in 1907, serving for one term, although his connection with the county committee covered a period of thirty years. Again he served as chairman for the terms of 1922-23, 1928-29, 1930-31 and 1932-33. When he became chairman in 1928 there were two thousand and

eight democratic voters in the county and when he left the chair in 1934 there were twenty-six thousand, six hundred and sixty-seven. The county committee grew from twenty-nine committeemen in 1928 to seventy-six in 1934. Mr. O'Keefe is widely recognized as an able organizer. He sees and utilizes possibilities and so directs his forces that splendid results are achieved. In 1930 and 1931 he was a member of the Lake County Board of Review. He has attended practically all the state democratic conventions, heading the delegations from Lake county, and has also attended all county and district conventions. His opinions are much heeded in party caucuses in the northern portion of the state and his insight into political affairs is keen, while his labors are extremely productive and vital. In 1933 he was appointed state inheritance tax investigator by John Martin and served for one year. On one occasion he was a candidate for township supervisor on a non-partisan ticket.

On the 16th of October, 1917, Mr. O'Keefe was appointed a member of the county auxiliary committee of the State Council of Defense, and when the committee was organized on October 23d he was elected chairman. On the 17th of December following he was elected chairman of the executive committee of the State Council of Defense for Lake county, and associated with him on the committee were: Chairman of Labor Committee, Andrew Bloomfield, Highland Park, Illinois; Chairman of Neighborhood Committee, Judge Perry L. Persons, Waukegan, Illinois; Chairman of Food Production and Conservation, W. E. Watkins, Libertyville, Illinois; Chairman of Boy Scouts Reserve, F. Sherwood, Lake Villa, Illinois; Chairman of Liberty Loan, H. C. Burnett, Secretary, Waukegan, Illinois; Chairman of War Savings, E. P. Sedgwick, Highland Park, Illinois; Chairman of Federal Fuel, L. P. Erskine, Waukegan, Illinois; Chairman of Red Cross, J. E. Barrett, Prairie View, Illinois; Chairman of Red Cross, W. O. McKinney, Waukegan, Illinois; Chairman of Finance, Elam L. Clark, Waukegan, Illinois; Chamber of Commerce, Paul Willis, Secretary, Chamber of Commerce, Waukegan, Illinois; Lake Forest War Emergency Union, Keene H. Addington, Lake Forest, Illinois; Ralph Poole, Lake Forest; War Tuberculosis Problem, Dr. C. S. Ambrose, Waukegan, Illinois; Waukegan Advisory Board, Hon. C. C. Edwards, Waukegan, Illinois; Member of County Auxiliary Committee, Mrs. B. A. Munson, Waukegan, Illinois; Highland Park Defense Council, George A. Mason, Highland Park, Illinois. On the 30th of January, 1918, Mr. O'Keefe was commissioned by William E. Ball, national director, as enrollment agent for the United States Public Service Reserve and in this work enrolled the names of sixty-three volunteers from Lake county. On the 2d of February, 1918, he was appointed a member of the food production and conservation committee and in this work gave special attention to the war garden movement. On January 2, 1919, he was appointed special agent in the United States Employment Reserve at a salary of one dollar a year.

In 1894 Mr. O'Keefe was united in marriage to Minnie Powers, of Chicago. Mrs. O'Keefe has been matron of the Home for Aged and Disabled Railroad Employees since her husband became manager. Mr. O'Keefe has been an active member of the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks for many years and was exalted ruler of Highland Park Lodge in 1919 and 1920. He has also served as district deputy grand exalted ruler and holds life membership in the order. A very active leader in the Fraternal Order of Eagles, he was seven times worthy president of the Highwood Aerie and attended nine national conventions and represented the state grand aerie at the convention at Spokane, Washington, but at the present writing he is not affiliated with the organization. He belongs to the Iroquois Club of Chicago, the leading democratic organization of the kind in Illinois, but whether in politics, in labor organizations or in his connection with the Home for Aged and Disabled Railroad Employees, he always stands in the forefront, being accorded leadership by reason of his ability and his devotion to the cause. He is a broad-minded man, looking at vital questions from both a practical and a progressive standpoint.

MRS. FANNYE D. BRANDSTETTER

In the development of democracy in the state of Illinois, and in bringing it to the high plane on which it now rests, during recent years, one of the most potent factors has been the devotion, energy and loyalty displayed by those women of the party who have taken up active work for the cause, and no better type of this woman could be named than Mrs. Fannye D. Brandstetter, of Gray's Lake, Illinois, who is now superintendent of the Illinois Free Employment for Lake county, and maintains her headquarters in the city of Waukegan. For more than seven years, as may be noted in a later paragraph of this biography, Mrs. Brandstetter has been an outstanding figure in the democratic affairs of Lake county and has contributed much to the success of the party in her section of the state. Perhaps it might be difficult to estimate the exact amount of assistance women such as Mrs. Brandstetter have given to the cause of democracy in Illinois, but the fact remains that they hold a position of eminence now which is well justified by the results which they have obtained, indisputably, during the years of service for democracy.

Mrs. Fannye D. Brandstetter, nee Fannye Darr, was born in Jasper, Tennessee, on the 8th of July in the year 1899, and is a daughter of Joseph A. Darr and Rebecca (Rogers) Darr, both of whom were descended from old, respected families of the south. Mrs. Brandstetter's honored father was a native of the state of Virginia. When a young man he left Virginia and went to Jasper, Tennessee, where he entered the newspaper business as editor and publisher of *The Statesman-Democrat*. His acquired publication was the voice of the democratic party in that section of the state and, through his strong editorial policy in favor of the old Jeffersonian principles, he consequently became a prime and influential factor in the local campaigns and party activities. Mrs. Brandstetter's mother was of true Southern blood. Her father, Captain Ephraim Rogers, served in the Army of the Confederacy from Georgia, so one may judge the sterling democrat he was, and the source from which Mrs. Brandstetter has inherited her love of her chosen party.

In the public grade schools of Jasper, Tennessee, Mrs. Brandstetter first pursued her education, followed by high school studies, which were supplemented by a business college course. In the year 1919 she was married. Irvin Brandstetter was her husband, fresh from the service of his country in the World war, having been stationed at Fort Oglethorpe, Georgia, during the progress of hostilities. They came to Gray's Lake, Illinois, in 1927, and there Mr. Brandstetter engaged in the retail oil and gas business. It may be mentioned here, before taking up Mrs. Brandstetter's public service, that to their happy union there have been born three children, whose names, in order of their birth, are as follows: William, Darr, and John.

Soon after coming to Lake county, Mrs. Brandstetter became engrossed in the work of the democratic party and in 1928 she was extraordinarily active in the campaign for the democratic ticket. In 1930 she again was one of the feminine leaders in the political campaign, which resulted in the election of J. Hamilton Lewis to the United States senate. Mrs. Brandstetter has consistently worked for the party, in minor and major movements, and she has served as vice president of the Lake County Women's Democratic Club, and also as secretary and treasurer of the Avon Democratic Club. Civic, educational, and social affairs have also commanded her attention and she has been a staunch cooperator in every movement for their success. She is a member of the Gray's Lake board of education. On May 1, 1933, she was appointed, in recognition of her services, as superintendent of the Illinois Free Employment in Waukegan, her territory covering Lake county, and in the discharge of the responsible duties entailed by this position she has fully justified the faith and judgment of those who appointed her.

That Mrs. Brandstetter has a strong trait of democracy in her may be indicated by the identity of her brother, Leslie R. Darr, who is now on the circuit



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court bench in Tennessee, and is an intimate friend of Cordell Hull, secretary of state, and who formerly occupied the same circuit bench as he.

FREMONT C. KUHNEN

With all the activities that contribute to the material, soeial, intellectual and political progress of Highland, Madison county, where he is engaged in business as a hardware merchant, Fremont C. Kuhnén is closely and helpfully associated. A native of the city in which he yet resides, he was born March 29, 1869, and is of Swiss lineage. His grandfather, Christian Kuhnén, was born in Switzerland and came to the United States in 1833. He arrived in Highland, Illinois, in 1834, only sixteen years after the admission of the state into the Union, and here he engaged in farming and in earpentering for a time. In 1861 he established the hardware business which in 1869 he sold to his son, Charles F. Kuhnén, who was born and reared in Highland and who continued the business until 1888, when he turned it over to his son Fremont, so that for three generations the enterprise has been carried on by the family. For many years Charles F. Kuhnén was an active republican, but during the Hayes-Tilden campaign he became an advocate of democracy and so continued until his death in 1925. He was recognized as a strong party man and filled various local township and city offices. He married Katherine Streiff, who was born in Switzerland and came to the United States in her girlhood. She is now living in California.

Fremont C. Kuhnén spent the days of his boyhood and youth in Highland, where he attended public and parochial schools. In 1888, in association with Fred Siegrist, he purchased the hardware business from his father and its was then conducted under the firm name of Kuhnén & Siegrist until 1893, when his brother, Louis O. Kuhnén, joined them and the business was incorporated, Mr. Siegrist being now president, Fremout C. Kuhnén the vice president and Louis O. Kuhnén the secretary and treasurer. They carry a full line of hardware, stoves and implements and have one of the most progressive mercantile enterprises of Highland.

On the 6th of January, 1891, Mr. Kuhnén married Miss Alina Zobrist, of Highland, Illinois. They have two daughters: Viola Kuhnén, who is the wife of O. E. Schnetter, assistant cashier of the farmers & Merchants Bank of Highland, and who has a daughter, Marjorie May; and Hilda Kuhnén, who is the wife of W. H. Draper, associated with the Moulton Shoe Company of Highland, and who has two children, Willis H., Jr., and Dorothy Ellen. Mr. Kuhnén and his wife are members of the Evangelical Church. He is active and prominent in Masonic circles, belonging to Highland Lodge, No. 583, A. F. & A. M., of which he was seeretary for twenty years; Highland Chapter, No. 169, R. A. M., of which he is past high priest; Collinsville Council, R. & S. M., of Collinsville; and Highland Chapter, No. 524, O. E. S., in which he is now serving for the seventh consecutive year as patron.

For many years Mr. Kuhnén was county secretary of the Anti Horse Thief Association and at all times he has been helpfully interested in every project that has had to do with the welfare and betterment of his community. He served for six years as chief of the Highland volunteer fire department and was a member of the Illinois Firemen's Association, serving for several terms as a member of its finance committee. For more than thirty years he has been an honorary member of the Highland Singing Society and the Highland Gymnastic Society. His deep interest in the welfare of his fellowmen is shown in the fact that he was one of the organizers and a charter member of the Highland Old People's Home and has been one of its trustees since its organization in 1902. The cause of education finds in him a stalwart champion and for twelve years he has been a member of the board of trustees of the Highland public schools. He has given equally stalwart allegiance to the democratic party and has long

been a recognized leader in its local ranks. During the Cleveland campaign he was secretary of the Young Democratic Club of Highland. At one county convention held in Collinsville the party was split by two factions, followers of Judge Hope and Judge Burroughs. As chairman of the credentials committee he unseated the Hope faction and harmony reigned. He was a delegate to the judicial convention at Litchfield when Judge Farmer was a candidate for the supreme bench, a nomination being reached after one hundred and two ballots. In 1904 Mr. Kuhnen was a candidate for county coroner, and although Highland had a normal republican majority of seven hundred, he lost the election by only eleven votes in his home city. He has served for two terms as a member of the county board of review, but whether in office or out of it, the aid and influence of Fremont C. Kuhnen are ever found on the side of right, progress and improvement.

ALBERT C. SCHLIPF

Among the members of the legal profession in the state of Illinois who have contributed to the growth and development of their own communities and who have become prominent by reason of individual force of character and the steady development of their inherent powers is numbered Albert C. Schlupf, one of the best known attorneys of Springfield. Possessed of all those traits of character that constitute a real man, his name has ever stood as a synonym for all that is progressive in citizenship, combined with unfaltering fidelity to principle. He is associated with the law firm of Brown, Hay & Stevens of Springfield, Illinois, with offices in the First National Bank building. He was born in the capital city November 22, 1895, a son of Charles and Mary (Mockler) Schlupf. The father was long connected with the Illinois Watch Company.

In his early youth Albert C. Schlupf attended the public and parochial schools and then entered the Springfield high school, from which in due time he was graduated. He next attended the University of Notre Dame, where he pursued the pre-legal and law courses, being graduated in 1916 with the LL. B. degree. His professional career was interrupted, by military service. In May, 1917, he entered the first officers' training camp at Fort Sheridan. Later he was transferred to Kelly Field No. 2 at San Antonio, Texas, was there commissioned a second lieutenant in the air service and was sent overseas in September, 1918, as a casual. In France he was stationed at Issoudun, the first aviation instruction center, returning to the United States in February, 1919, in charge of a company of casals.

Resuming civilian life, Mr. Schlupf entered the claim department of the Illinois Power Company. In 1922 he was admitted to the bar. He remained with the Illinois Power Company, however, in a legal capacity until 1926, when he joined the law firm of Brown, Hay & Stephens. He has advanced continuously in his chosen profession, making a most creditable record in twelve years of active practice.

In May, 1926, Mr. Schlupf was united in marriage to Miss Alice H. Hay, a daughter of Logan Hay, a prominent republican attorney of Springfield. They have two children, Logan Hay and Margaret. Mr. Schlupf is a member of the Sangamo Club and the Illini Country Club. Along strictly professional lines he is a member of the Sangamon County Bar Association, the Illinois State Bar Association and the American Bar Association. His interest in civic affairs has been manifest in many helpful ways. He is chairman of the Sangamon County Emergency Relief Committee, and he is now serving as a member of the county board of supervisors. His political allegiance has always been given to the democratic party, has served as a member of the county committee and is now public administrator of his county. His loyalty in citizenship, whether as a soldier, a political official or as a member of the bar, is an acknowledged fact by all who know him. In his life are the elements of greatness be-

cause of the use he has made of his talents and his opportunities, because his thoughts are not self-centered but are given to the mastery of life's problems and the fulfillment of his duty as a man in his relations to his fellowmen and as a citizen in his relations to his city, state and country. In private life he is known for his amiable and generous disposition, which has endeared him not only to his family but also to a host of friends.

WILLIAM H. WOODARD

William H. Woodard, postmaster at North Chicago, was born in Faribault, Minnesota, December 23, 1893, his parents being Charles and Mabel (Holden) Woodard, who were likewise natives of that state. The father was an accountant and removed westward to Montana, where at one time he served as county clerk in Richland county, the courthouse being at Sidney.

William H. Woodard attended the public schools of Faribault, Minnesota, and pursued his more advanced course in the North Dakota Agricultural College at Fargo. In 1916 he joined the United States Navy and was trained at the Great Lakes station, after which he served aboard the U. S. S. Don Juan de Austria, receiving his discharge as chief pharmacist's mate on the 3d of October, 1919.

When the country no longer required his military aid Mr. Woodard entered the sales and advertising business in connection with the industries of North Chicago and was thus engaged until appointed postmaster on the 1st of July, 1934. He became a convert to the principles of democracy and in recent years has been very active as a party worker. He belongs to the Democratic Club of Lake County and to the Lake County Democratic Ex-Service Men's Club. Mr. Woodard has taken a keen and helpful interest in the work of the American Legion and served as Sharvin Post at North Chicago and also as district commander. Through his Legion connections he did very valuable work for his party. He was a member of the placement committee of the Civil Works Administration and rendered invaluable service in this connection. He was also superintendent in charge of the Bogardus law, providing relief for the veterans in his county. He is thoroughly alive to the questions and problems of the day and the needs of the individual, and his labors have been most effective in helping the World war veterans.

In January, 1918, Mr. Woodard was united in marriage to Nellie Kinczewski, a native of North Chicago, and they are the parents of two sons, William and Donald Woodard. The family residence is at 1426 Jackson street in North Chicago.

GEORGE P. MALONE

George P. Malone occupies the responsible position of custodian of the Starved Rock National Park, where he resides, his post office address being Utica. A native of La Salle county, Illinois, he was born September 20, 1888, a son of Patrick and Julia (Lynch) Malone, both of whom have passed away. The father was a native of Cork, Ireland, and the mother of southern Illinois, but they spent many years in La Salle, where they were well known and highly esteemed residents. Patrick Malone was always an active democrat.

George P. Malone obtained his education in the La Salle schools, passing through consecutive grades to the high school, and after his course was completed he became a barber and engaged in that business on his own account in La Salle for many years. In May, 1933, he became custodian of Starved Rock, which is a national park and one of the most beautiful spots in all the Mississippi valley. In his present official position he is keeping the park in excellent condition, looking after all improvements and maintaining its natural beauty. He also does everything in his power for the comfort of the visitors, who number many thousands each year.

On the 17th of April, 1909, Mr. Malone was united in marriage to Miss

Gertrude Wallace and they are the parents of four children, as follows: Lynn, Juel, George Patrick, Jr., and Zella. The family attends St. Patrick's Church in La Salle and Mr. Malone belongs to the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks of which he is past exalted ruler, while formerly he was also identified with the Knights of Columbus. He deserves mention in this work by reason of the loyal support he has always given the democratic party. During the last fourteen years he has been precinct committeeman of the eighth precinct of La Salle and was treasurer of the democratic organization of his township for fourteen years. He was also chairman of the finance committee of the township during the Horner campaign of 1932 and he is acknowledged one of the leading democratic workers of this section of the state, his opinions carrying weight and influence in party councils. He was a delegate to the democratic state convention in 1934 and is now a member of the executive committee of the county central committee. Mrs. Malone also is very active in political work and has served many years as precinct committeewoman.

JOHN THOMAS DESMOND

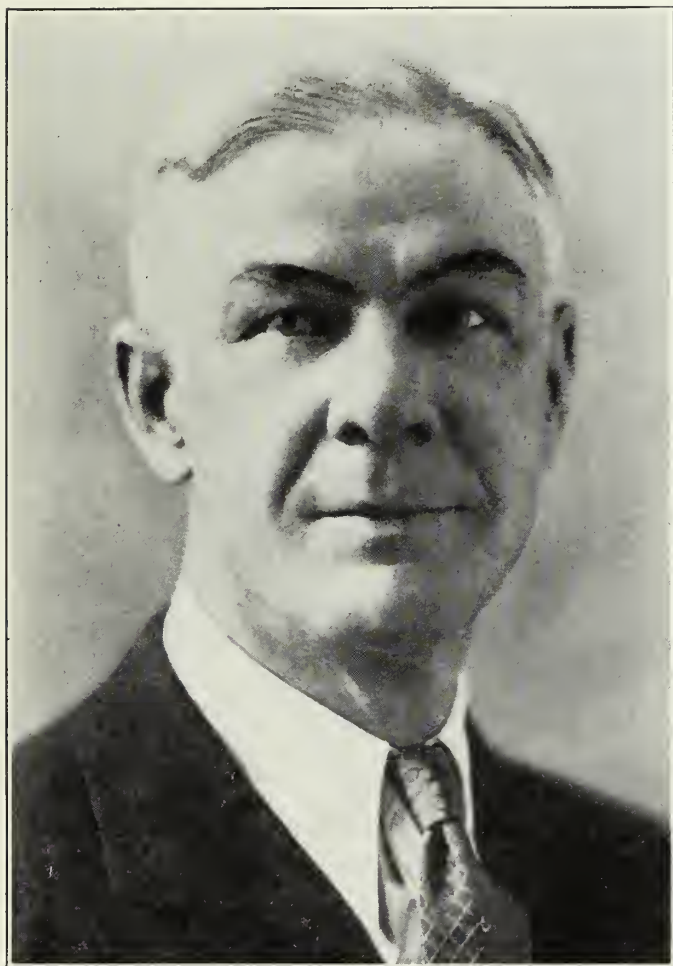
John Thomas Desmond, clerk of the city court of East St. Louis, with office in the city hall, was reared in the democratic faith and has always supported the party which has honored him with various local offices and with election to the state legislature. He was born in East St. Louis, December 7, 1879, a son of Cornelius Desmond, a native of County Cork, Ireland, who came to the United States in young manhood. He was a railroad employe for a number of years and in politics was a staunch democrat and an earnest party worker. His wife, who bore the maiden name of Catherine Harlihy, was also a native of County Cork, Ireland.

In the public and parochial schools of East St. Louis, John T. Desmond pursued his education and then went to work for the Terminal Railroad, with which he remained for several years. He next became a cigar salesman and afterward entered the retail liquor business, in which he engaged for a short time. In 1909 he was elected a member of the county board of supervisors, serving for one term, and in 1914 he was elected to the state legislature to represent his district, while in 1916 he was again chosen, becoming a member of the fiftieth general assembly. In 1918 he was elected clerk of the city court and his efficiency in office is indicated in the fact that he was re-elected in 1922, in 1926 and again in 1930. He served in the legislature as a member of the committee on education and on fish and game, and he gave thoughtful consideration to all the vital questions which came up for settlement while he was a member of the house. He has been a delegate to many judicial and state conventions and is an outstanding figure in democratic circles in southwestern Illinois.

On January 13, 1917, Mr. Desmond was united in marriage to Katherine Beattie, of Murphysboro, Illinois, and they are the parents of three children: Katherine, John T., Jr., and Thomas. Mr. Desmond is a fourth degree member of the Knights of Columbus and he belongs to the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks. He is well known in the city where his entire life has been passed and where he has many acquaintances, all who know him entertaining for him that high regard which follows faithfulness to duty and loyalty to principle.

FRED J. BOHNENKEMPER

Fred J. Bohnenkemper, who is postmaster at Germantown, Clinton county, was born June 12, 1888, in the place where he yet resides, his parents being Ben and Mary (Kassens) Bohnenkemper. While spending his youthful days under the parental roof he attended the public schools to the eighth grade and later entered a business college in Quincy, Illinois, where he continued his education for two years. He next attended the Jones Commercial College



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of St. Louis, Missouri, and was graduated in June, 1908. Following the completion of his course he became a teacher in that school and remained there in educational work for two and one-half years. He then returned to Clinton county, where he subsequently taught in the rural schools for seven years, proving an able educator.

On the 19th of November, 1912, in Bartleso, Illinois, Mr. Bohnenkemper was united in marriage to Miss Elizabeth Huelsmann and they are the parents of five children, as follows: Mary, Agnes, Clara, Vincent and Fred J., Jr. The family are communicants of the Catholic Church and in his political faith Mr. Bohnenkemper has always been a democrat, voting for the men and measures of the party since age conferred upon him the right of franchise. On the 15th of February, 1918, he was appointed postmaster of Germantown by President Woodrow Wilson and has held the office continuously since, covering a period of more than sixteen years, a fact which indicates that his record has at all times been commendable.

H. D. LUKENBILL

H. D. Lukenbill, of Springfield, who is assistant collector of internal revenue for the eighth district of Illinois, was born in Elk City, Kansas, November 5, 1885, a son of W. R. and Leora (McKinster) Lukenbill. His first ancestors in America arrived in this country in 1730, settling in Pennsylvania, and representatives of the family fought for independence in the Revolutionary war, participated in the support of the Union in the Civil war and again took part in military service in the World war. W. R. Lukenbill, now deceased, was a farmer and merchant who carried on business for a time at Latham, Illinois, and afterward at Decatur, where his widow still resides.

H. D. Lukenbill attended the grammar and high schools of Salem, Indiana, which was his mother's old home town. He then continued his education in the Central Normal College at Danville, Indiana, and took up the profession of teaching in Illinois, which he followed for eight years, both as a teacher and principal of high schools. He next became a student in the department of education and psychology at Valparaiso University and at his graduation in 1909 won the degree of Bachelor of Pedagogy. In 1912 he was graduated from Brown's Business College of Peoria and he has also pursued special courses of study in agriculture and literature at Lincoln College of Lincoln, Illinois, and Bradley Polytechnic Institute at Peoria, Illinois. He is likewise a graduate of the scientific normal course of Carnegie College, having pursued the extension course. He holds degrees of Bachelor of Arts and Master of Arts from Oskaloosa College. Throughout his entire life he has been a close student and is constantly broadening his knowledge by reading and research. He is the author of two textbooks on spelling and orthography for the third, fourth, fifth and sixth grades, which have been widely used in the schools of Illinois since 1915. In 1912 he entered the government service in connection with the branch stamp office at Danville and was later transferred to Pekin, Illinois, and then to Springfield, where he advanced through the various departments. He was made assistant to the collector of internal revenue during the World war period, when he had charge of all the office and field forces of the 8th district of Illinois and was in charge of all war work taxes, the construction and operation of ammunition factories and the shipment of distilled spirits to the allies for the manufacture of ammunitions. In 1920 he resigned his position to enter business on his own account, taking up business administrative work, in which he continued until October 2, 1933, when he was appointed assistant to V. Y. Dallman, collector of internal revenue, eighth district of Illinois at Springfield. In this capacity he has since served, measuring up to the highest standards of excellence in the position.

In 1912 Mr. Lukenbill was united in marriage to Pearle A. McNeal, of Chestnut, Illinois, and they are the parents of a daughter, Marcella, who is a

junior in the Springfield high school. Fraternally Mr. Lukenbill is a Mason, connected with the blue lodge, chapter, council, consistory and Elwood commandery, K. T., and Ansar Temple, Nobles of the Mystic Shrine, all of Springfield. He is a charter member of the Lions Club, of which he was formerly president. He belongs to the Methodist Episcopal Church and is very active in educational and civic affairs, giving his support to all measures or projects which are a matter of civic virtue and of civic pride, while his contribution to the educational activities and interests of the state is very tangible and valuable.

MANFORD ROLLER

On the roster of leading democrats in Douglas county appears the name of Manford Roller, who is connected with farming interests in this part of the state. He was born in Douglas county, December 13, 1879, a son of Philip J. and Emily (Richireek) Roller, who were natives of Ohio and came to Illinois in 1866, settling on a farm in Douglas county. The father, who devoted his entire life to general agricultural pursuits, was a firm believer in the principles of democracy and served as road commissioner in his township for several years. He worked untiringly to secure party successes and his labors were far-reaching. He died in 1894, while his widow survived until 1908.

Manford Roller pursued his education in the high school at Newman, Illinois, and was reared to the occupation of farming, which he has always followed. He now owns and cultivates one hundred and seventy-six acres of land in Newman township, Douglas county, devoted to the raising of grain, and his well tilled fields return to him abundant harvests.

Mr. Roller has been active in democratic politics since attaining his majority. He was elected road commissioner and served for three years, while in 1906 he became committeeman of Newman Precinct No. 1, serving continuously until 1930. He has attended all of the local conventions of his party and has been very active in getting out the vote, while his support is given to the entire ticket.

In 1906 Mr. Roller was united in marriage to Miss Ethel Kincaid, a daughter of Nathan and Susan (Roe) Kincaid, who came to Illinois from Virginia in an early day and entered land from the government for farming purposes. Mrs. Roller has been quite active in democratic politics since women received the right of franchise. In 1930 she was elected a committeewoman, and again in 1932, and has taken an active interest in winning support for the party. Mr. and Mrs. Roller are the parents of two daughters and a son, namely: Blanche, a graduate of the Illinois Woman's College at Jacksonville, who is a high school teacher at St. Joseph, Illinois; Alice, who is a graduate nurse of the Presbyterian Hospital of the City of Chicago and is now doing postgraduate work at De Paul University of Chicago; and William Lloyd, a law student at the University of Illinois. The religious faith of the family is that of the Methodist Episcopal Church and Mr. Roller is a Mason, belonging to Newman Lodge No. 369, of which he is a past master, to the Royal Arch chapter and to the Knights Templar commandery. He consistently follows the teachings and purposes of the craft and has many friends among his Masonic brethren.

CHARLES F. COLEMAN

Charles F. Coleman, police magistrate of Effingham, who formerly served as a member of the Illinois senate, was born in St. Joseph, Missouri, February 13, 1856, his parents being William F. and Matilda (Alexander) Coleman. The father was born in Ohio and the mother in Delaware, whence she removed to the Buckeye state in 1825. Following their marriage they established their home in Missouri and in 1859 came to Illinois, settling in Effingham, where Mr. Coleman, together with his wife's brother, D. B. Alexander, established the first hardware store of the city, Mr. Alexander having settled in Effingham

in 1852, in which year he laid out the town. Mr. Coleman followed the hardware business until the outbreak of the Civil war, when he put aside all commercial interests and enlisted as a member of Company L, Fifth Illinois Cavalry, with which he served for a year and was discharged on account of ill health. Returning to Effingham, he again took charge of the hardware business, in which he continued until his death in 1883. His widow survived him until 1889, when she, too, was called to her final rest.

Charles F. Coleman acquired a public school education in Effingham and then began to learn the printer's trade, while subsequently he attended De Pauw University at Greencastle, Indiana. In 1881 he entered the journalistic field by establishing the *Altamont News*, a democratic paper published at Altamont, Illinois. In 1883, however, following his father's death, he entered the hardware business at Effingham in association with his brother, to whom he sold out a little later. He then removed to Ramsey, Illinois, where he took charge of the *Ramsey Democrat*, and in 1885 he established and began the publication of the *St. Elmo Finis*. In 1892 he purchased the *Vandalia Leader*, which he edited until 1919.

Mr. Coleman has been very active in democratic politics since casting his first vote in 1876 and for many years he has attended all of the state, congressional and judicial conventions. He was nominated and elected to the office of state senator from the thirty-eighth senatorial district and continued to serve through the forty-second, forty-third and forty-fourth general assemblies, his name being associated with much important legislation which found its way to the record books of the senate during that period. In 1919 and 1920 he was deputy revenue collector. Returning to Effingham, he has been police magistrate since 1929 and his record in office is one which has gained for him high commendation.

In 1882 Mr. Coleman married Miss May Kramer, who passed away in 1920. He belongs to the Jefferson Club and is well known in Effingham, where he has spent many years. His efforts as a journalist and as a public official have contributed in marked degree to the success and growth of the democratic party in his section of the state.

JAMES STANLEY BRADBURY

James Stanley Bradbury, a member of the Crawford county bar and now filling the office of state's attorney in Robinson, was born in this county in November, 1899, a son of Presley G. and Jennie K. (Kelly) Bradbury, who are mentioned elsewhere in this work. He attended the grammar and high schools of Robinson and also received training in the Army and Navy Academy at Marion, Alabama, before entering the United States Naval Academy at Annapolis, Maryland. While a student there his health failed and he was ill for about sixteen months. Following his recovery he entered the University of Notre Dame at Notre Dame, Indiana, and was graduated in 1923 on the completion of a law course, the LL. B. degree being conferred upon him. The following year he was admitted to practice before the Illinois bar and became associated with Andrew R. Sherriff of Chicago, with whom he was thus connected until September, 1927, when he became assistant general counsel for the Chicago Surface Lines. He acted in that capacity until October, 1931, when he returned to Robinson and became identified with his brother, William E., in the practice of law. In November, 1932, he was elected state's attorney on the democratic ticket and is now acceptably filling the office. He belongs to the Crawford County Bar Association and he holds to the highest ethical standards of the profession.

Fraternally Mr. Bradbury is an Elk. He has always been interested in democratic politics and while in Chicago was associated with the Forty-ninth Ward Democratic Organization. Since his return to his native haunts he has

stumped the county for the entire ticket and is an interested and effective party worker. He has attended several state, congressional and judicial conventions and he was one of the organizers and is a member of the Crawford County Jeffersonian Club.

CHARLES V. O'HERN

Charles V. O'Hern, an outstanding attorney of Peoria whose distinctive position has been well won, is also known as a leading democrat and popular citizen of the Illinois River valley. He was born in Fulton county, this state, October 1, 1883, and is a son of John and Maria (Green) O'Hern, both of whom were natives of Ireland. The paternal grandfather left the Emerald Isle and established the family in the new world, settling in Illinois, as did William Green and his wife, who were the maternal grandparents of Charles V. O'Hern. They located in Canton, this state, while John O'Hern established his home near St. Augustine, Illinois. Thus the ancestors of our subject in both the paternal and maternal lines have long been connected with Illinois and her development. In the family of John and Maria (Green) O'Hern were ten children: Mary, Anna and Sadah, all of whom taught school in Fulton and Peoria counties; Thomas L., an attorney at law who is associated in practice with his brother Charles; Patrick, Timothy, Michael, Daniel, Joseph, and Charles V.

The last named is one of the alumni of the University of Illinois, having been graduated in 1910 with the Bachelor of Arts degree. He took his law work at Yale and won his LL. B. degree in 1912. Returning to his native state, he has since practiced in Peoria county and step by step has progressed until his position at the Peoria bar is an enviable one. For sixteen years he was a law partner of Frank J. Quinn and since his death the old firm name of Quinn, Quinn & O'Hern has been retained. Mr. O'Hern has a large general practice and is accounted an attorney of marked ability who always strictly adheres to the highest professional standards and ethics. At the present writing he is receiver for the Peoria Life Insurance Company and he belongs to the Peoria Bar Association, of which he is a past president, to the Illinois State Bar Association and the American Bar Association.

Mr. O'Hern married Tressa Smith and they have two children, Charles V., Jr., and Elizabeth, the former a student in the University of Illinois. Mr. O'Hern is a fourth degree member of the Knights of Columbus and also belongs to the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks. He has membership in the Creve Coeur Club and the University Club. He represented the University of Illinois in debate for a period of twenty-four years, and he belongs to the Order of Coif, an honorary legal fraternity, national in its scope, Mr. O'Hern being identified with the Yale Chapter. He was formerly a member of the board of education of Peoria for one term. He is active in party politics, having supported democracy since attaining his majority. Party issues are a matter of deep concern to him and he studies carefully the problems that exist today, so that his position upon political questions is always one of intelligent understanding.

THOMAS J. LENANE

Among those men whose abilities have been recognized in their selection to public office is numbered Thomas J. Lenane, of Quincy, who is now representing the thirty-sixth district in the state legislature and is numbered among the strong and forceful members of the general assembly. He is a native son of Quincy, where his birth occurred January 21, 1889, his parents being Patrick and Mary K. (Wrenn) Lenane. His brother, Leo W. Lenane, is now mayor of Quincy and is mentioned elsewhere in this work.

After attending the public parochial schools Thomas J. Lenane entered the Union Business College, where he qualified for a commercial career. Since 1907 he has been identified with the jewelry trade in Quincy as a jeweler, stone



CHARLES V. O'HERN

setter, engraver and watchmaker and became manager of the business where he was first employed. In July, 1934, he established a jewelry business of his own which he is now successfully conducting.

On the 11th of October, 1911, Mr. Lenane married Myrtle Ann McLaughlin. Mr. and Mrs. Lenane are members of the Catholic Church and he is a fourth degree member of the Knights of Columbus. Fraternally he is connected with the Eagles. Formerly he was a member of the North Side Boat Club and he possesses eleven medals for his skill in rowing. For seventeen years he followed baseball as manager and coach of young players. Outside of business, however, his activity has largely centered in politics, in which he has been active for the past eighteen years. In 1915, on the death of his father, who was then serving as supervisor of Adams county, he was named to fill out the unexpired term of eighteen months and acted in that capacity until the close of the term. In 1932 he was elected representative from the thirty-sixth district to the fifty-eighth general assembly of Illinois, and the excellent record which he made is indicated in the fact that his party again made him its nominee in 1934. He attended the democratic state conventions of 1932 and 1934 and in the former year attended the national convention held in Chicago. He is a well known figure in political circles in this state and is recognized as one of the foremost members of democracy in western Illinois.

NORMAN BENNETT

A well known representative of journalistic interests in eastern Illinois is Norman Bennett, editor of the Clark County Democrat, which is regarded as one of the best papers devoted to the interests of democracy in this section of the state. Mr. Bennett was born in Clark county, Illinois, January 29, 1874, and is a son of Theodore and Nancy (Dehl) Bennett. The father, a native of Ohio, came to Illinois with his parents when nine years of age, the family arriving in Clark county in 1850. He followed farming throughout the remainder of his life, living for many years in Johnson county, where he held several township offices and where he took active part in the public life of the community. He also served on the county board and was ever loyal to any trust reposed in him. He never faltered in his support of the democratic party and served for several years as a member of the democratic central committee of Clark county. He also attended many state, congressional and judicial conventions and he never scratched his ticket but gave whole-hearted allegiance to all who were named as candidates of the democratic organization. In early manhood he married Nancy Dehl, a native of Crawford county, Illinois, whose people had come to this state from Pennsylvania in 1830 and had taken up their abode among the pioneer settlers of Crawford county.

Norman Bennett obtained a public school education in Clark county and in 1893 took up the profession of teaching, which he followed until 1906, devoting the winter seasons to that work, while in the summer and spring he attended Westfield College at Westfield, Illinois, being graduated therefrom with the Bachelor of Science and the Master of Science degrees in 1898. For twenty-eight years he has given his attention to journalistic activity. In 1906 he purchased the Clark County Democrat, which he has since edited and published and which ranks high as a democratic organ in this part of the state. Mr. Bennett's active connection with the party dates from his 'teen age, for he was a worker in its interests before attaining his majority. For a decade he has served as a member of the Clark county democratic central committee and was its secretary for four years and its chairman for six years. He is now a member of the Illinois state democratic committee, having represented the eighteenth congressional district for the past three terms. For many years he has attended judicial, congressional and state conventions and in 1908 was a delegate to the democratic national convention held in Denver. Again he served as a delegate at the St. Louis convention in 1916 and in 1932 was a

visitor at the Chicago convention. In 1924 he was elected to the state legislature and served in the fifty-fourth general assembly for a two-year term. With local activities he has also been closely associated. For four years he filled the office of alderman and for twelve years was a member of the board of education, the public school system finding in him a stalwart and progressive champion. While teaching school Mr. Bennett also studied law and was admitted to the bar in 1896, but he never practiced.

In 1895 Mr. Bennett was united in marriage to Miss Nora Barbee, a daughter of Clark and Caroline (Bryant) Barbee and a representative of an honored pioneer family of Clark county, Illinois. Mr. and Mrs. Bennett are the parents of three sons: Grendel F., who is mentioned on another page of this work; Tarquin C., who is associated with his father in the publication of the Clark County Democrat; and Caslon K., who is a graduate of the College of Commerce of the University of Illinois and is now a student in the law department of that institution. Mrs. Bennett, like her husband, is very active in democratic politics, served as committeewoman of No. 1 precinct and for a year was chairman of the Clark county women's democratic committee. Mr. Bennett is a member of the Chamber of Commerce and is interested in all that pertains to civic progress and betterment. He belongs to the Illinois State Democratic Editorial Association and to the Illinois State Press Association and is widely known in both journalistic and political circles.

WILLIAM R. MCGAUGHEY

William R. McGaughey, who has devoted practically his entire life to banking, is now vice president of the Millikin National Bank of Decatur. Step by step he has advanced in this field and is today regarded as an authority upon banking problems and banking management. Macon county numbers him among her native sons, his birth having occurred at Mount Zion, May 31, 1879, his parents being John G. and Joda L. (Smith) McGaughey, the former a native of Tennessee and the latter of Kentucky. They came to Illinois soon after the Civil war and John G. McGaughey here followed the occupation of farming, bringing a tract of land under a high state of cultivation. In politics he was always a staunch democrat.

The grade schools of Mount Zion afforded William R. McGaughey his early educational opportunities. Later he attended Lincoln College and then entered Millikin University at Decatur, from which he was graduated in 1906 with a Bachelor of Arts degree. He started out in the business world as assistant cashier of the Draper State Bank at Draper, South Dakota, continuing in that position from 1906 until 1908. On the 1st of July of the latter year he organized a private bank in Mount Zion, Illinois, of which he became cashier and which on the 1st of July, 1916, was incorporated, becoming a state bank. On the 1st of September, 1919, he resigned his position and became cashier of the Citizens National Bank of Decatur, while on the 1st of March, 1931, he became identified with the Millikin National Bank of Decatur and so continues, giving his efforts to active management and executive control of the institution. He is a banker of long and wide experience and has made steady progress in this field.

In 1916 Mr. McGaughey was united in marriage to Myrtle May, a native of Mount Zion, Illinois, and a daughter of Dr. S. R. and Jennie (Lawrence) May, of that place. Mr. and Mrs. McGaughey are the parents of two children, Joda L. and William R., Jr.

William R. McGaughey has been an active democrat since attaining his majority, always supports the entire ticket and has been a liberal contributor to party expenses for many years. His aid and influence are always on the side of progress and improvement and his labors have been exerted along lines of widely felt benefit. His high standing in banking circles is shown in the fact that he was honored with the presidency of the Illinois Bankers Asso-

ciation in the years 1930 and 1931. He belongs to the Westminster Presbyterian Church, in the work of which he takes an active and helpful part. Fraternally he is a Mason and an Odd Fellow and his interest in community welfare is shown in his connection with the Chamber of Commerce. He also belongs to the Kiwanis Club and to the Decatur Club, and something of the nature of his recreation is shown in his membership in the Sunnyside Golf Club. The interests and activities of his life are well balanced, making him a strong and forceful character, and he is widely recognized as a man whom to know is to esteem and honor.

HENRY B. REISS

Henry B. Reiss, who is postmaster of St. Peter, Fayette county, was born on a farm near the town in which he still lives, his natal day being May 12, 1884. His parents are Henry and Pauline (Rothe) Reiss, the former a native of Cass county, Illinois, while the latter was reared in Chicago. The father has served as road commissioner, as tax collector and as school director in his township and has long been a well known farmer of Fayette county. He is the son of a Lutheran minister who was also an active supporter of the democratic party.

Henry B. Reiss obtained a public school education, completing the work of the eighth grade. He was reared to the occupation of farming, which he has always followed, and he is now the owner of the farm which was purchased by his paternal grandfather in pioneer times, the family have been closely associated with the agricultural development and progress of central Illinois through three generations. In addition to the further cultivation of his crops he is now serving as postmaster of St. Peter, to which position he was appointed July 16, 1933. He holds membership with the National League of District Postmasters of America.

On the 4th of September, 1910, in St. Peter, Illinois, Mr. Reiss was united in marriage to Miss Emilie Schnake and they are the parents of three children, as follows: Norma, twenty-three years of age, who is a teacher in a parochial school of Louisville, Kentucky; Rena, aged eighteen years, now assistant at the post office; and Lois, who is four years old. The religious belief of the family is that of the Lutheran Church and Mr. Reiss is a member of the Christian Day School Board of the church, having thus been active for over a period of twelve years. As an active democrat he has served for eight years as committeeman in his precinct and was township collector in 1916 and 1917. He also filled the position of township treasurer and was for some time a school director. He has attended several county conventions and has served "as true democracy dictates" since attaining his majority. In a word he is interested in all that pertains to better citizenship, to public progress and to the moral advancement of the community, and his aid and influence are always found on the side of right and justice.

JOHN L. KAGY

John L. Kagy, an active member of the Marion county bar, practicing his profession in Salem, was born in Salem, February 22, 1888. His parents were Levi and Alice (Larimer) Kagy, and the father, a well known supporter of democracy, served as mixed claims commissioner under Wilson from 1914 until 1916.

John L. Kagy obtained a high school education in Salem and is numbered among the alumni of the class of 1905. He next entered the University of Illinois, where he pursued his more specifically literary course, winning the Bachelor of Arts degree at his graduation in 1909. He then continued his law studies there and received his J. D. degree in 1912. The same year he was admitted to the bar and immediately began practice in Salem, where he has since remained. He has given close and unremitting attention to the pro-

fession and his loyalty to the interests of his clients is proverbial. By reason of his capability and his fidelity to the high standards of the profession he has gained a large clientele and his name is on the court records in connection with the most important cases tried in the district. He is now master in chancery.

There is a military chapter in the life record of Mr. Kagy, for on the 28th of April, 1918, he enlisted and became a member of the Seventy-eighth Division. After a brief training he was sent overseas, where he served as a corporal, and by active duty at the front became familiar with all the methods of modern warfare.

On the 14th of December, 1914, in Salem, Illinois, Mr. Kagy was united in marriage to Miss Eva Murray and they are the parents of two children, John Murray and Kathryn.

Mr. Kagy has always voted with the democratic party and has attended a number of the county and state conventions. Fraternally he is a Mason and an Odd Fellow and he also has membership in the Rotary Club and the American Legion, while the Presbyterian Church numbers him among its communicants. His life has ever been guided by high and honorable principles and has been characterized by unflinching devotion to duty, both in the line of his profession and in citizenship.

SIMON KELLERMANN, JR.

Simon Kellermann, Jr., circuit clerk, who has been connected with the office at Edwardsville for twenty-two years, was born February 16, 1880, in the city which is still his home and in which his entire life has been passed. The length of his public service is indicative of his loyalty and capability in office and when a candidate he has usually run far ahead of the party ticket. His father, Simon Kellermann, was a native of Germany but arrived in the new world when a little lad of eight years. He became a resident of Edwardsville, where he long engaged in the restaurant business. His political support was always given to the democratic party, in the ranks of which he was an active worker, and he filled the office of city assessor and also served on the school board of Edwardsville. He married Theresa Liedel, a native of Madison county, Illinois.

Simon Kellermann, Jr., mastered the elementary branches of learning in the parochial schools of Edwardsville and in young manhood he obtained employment on the Edwardsville Intelligencer. Subsequently he became interested in amusements and sports promotion, and it was he who promoted the Diamond Jubilee at Joliet in 1912, while other large expositions in Illinois have been put over by him. As a young man he was a member of the volunteer fire department of Edwardsville. Very fleet of foot, his service in this connection was considered most valuable and he became a prominent figure in the state organization, serving at one time as president of the Illinois Firemen's Association, of which he is now the treasurer. In fact he has been one of its officers since 1908, a period of twenty-six years, and at one time was statistician of the National Firemen's Association.

In political circles in Illinois, Mr. Kellermann is also a well known and prominent figure. In 1901, at the age of twenty-one, he became precinct committeeman and he was elected chairman of the county committee in 1904, serving in that capacity until 1908, when he was elected tax collector of Edwardsville township, a position which he occupied for three years. In 1912 he was elected circuit clerk of Madison county and in 1916, when the county gave a republican majority of six thousand, he lost by only sixty-one votes—a defeat that in reality was a victory, for it indicated his personal popularity and the confidence reposed in him by the public, for though many of the voters gave support to republican candidates, they cast a ballot for Mr. Kellermann. His successful opponent appointed him as chief deputy clerk in the office and



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he served thus until the death of the circuit clerk in 1929. The following year he was again the successful candidate for the position of circuit clerk, so that he has been continuously in the office since 1912. There is no duty of the position with which he is not thoroughly familiar, and the faithful discharge of every responsibility is a foregone conclusion with him. For the past twenty years he has attended all of the state conventions of the party, and democracy in Illinois acknowledges him as a most prominent, influential and honored representative.

In 1899 Mr. Kellermann was married to Miss Frances Herren, of Madison county, Illinois, and they have a son, Simon Kellermann (III), who is now serving as assistant attorney general under Otto Kerner. Fraternally Mr. Kellermann is connected with the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks and the Loyal Order of Moose. He and his wife are very hospitable and their attractive home is often open for the entertainment of people who are notable in the realm of sports and in politics.

MARCUS M. WILBER

Marcus M. Wilber, postmaster at Sorento, assumed the duties of the position on the 17th of January, 1934, and was commissioned on the 6th of June following. Mr. Wilber is a native of Illinois, his birth having occurred in New Douglas, November 21, 1888. He is a son of Martin and Martha (Grissom) Wilber and a grandson of John J. Wilber, who served as postmaster of the community now known as Sorento in 1840 and who was a Union soldier in the Civil war. Martin Wilber voted the democratic ticket during his voting career and beginning about 1890 was committeeman of his precinct. He also filled the position of justice of the peace.

Marcus M. Wilber attended the common schools and spent two years as a high school pupil. When he had put aside his textbooks he became a salesman in a mercantile establishment of New Douglas, Illinois, and was thus employed for several years. In 1908 he entered upon an apprenticeship to learn the carpenter's trade, which he afterward followed for twelve years. In 1920 he turned his attention to the life insurance business, which he has since carried on in connection with the management of a grocery store. He has led a busy and useful life and is a valued resident of his community.

On the 9th of August, 1926, in East St. Louis, Illinois, Mr. Wilber was united in marriage to Mrs. Ethel Edwards, of Sorento, this state, and they are the parents of a son, Haskel V. Mr. and Mrs. Wilber hold membership in the Methodist Episcopal Church and Christian Church, respectively, and he also belongs to the Knights of Pythias. Politically he is a democrat, never swerving in his loyalty to the party, and he served as precinct committeeman from 1928 until 1934 and for six terms was township clerk. He was also city clerk of Sorento. Then came his appointment to the position of acting postmaster of Sorento on the 17th of January, 1934, followed by the receipt of his commission on the 6th of June. He attended the state conventions of the democratic party in Springfield in 1928 and 1932 and was a delegate in 1934. He has thus gained a wide acquaintance among party leaders in Illinois and is recognized as one whose support of democracy can always be counted upon.

JAMES E. LONDRIGAN

Among the younger democratic members of the legal profession in Sangamon county, Illinois, one of the outstanding is James E. Londrigan of Springfield, who is successfully engaged in the practice of law in this city in association with his brother, a biography of whom is presented elsewhere in this publication.

Mr. Londrigan is a native of the city of Springfield, his birth having occurred here on the 4th of February, 1900, and he is a son of Thomas and Johanna (Gorman) Londrigan, both of whom were of true Irish ancestry. The father was born in Springfield, and the mother in Champaign, Illinois.

The former was for many years a coal miner and was a substantial citizen of his community in every way.

In the public schools, also in the parochial schools of Springfield, James E. Londrigan received his early educational training. He graduated from high school in 1917, and in May, 1918, answered his country's call to the colors by enlisting in the United States Navy, in which service he remained for ten months in the radio department. He was honorably discharged from the navy and one year later enrolled in the Lincoln College of Law in Springfield, having decided on the legal profession as his life's work. He received his Bachelor of Laws degree from this meritorious institution in 1923, was admitted to the State Bar of Illinois on December 5th of that year, and thereafter was associated in active practice of law with T. J. Condon for the period of one year. He then undertook with remarkable success the practice of law alone, thus continuing until July 1, 1933, when he formed a partnership with his brother, Joseph A. Londrigan, and they now have their offices in the Ridgely-Farmers Bank Building in Springfield. Mr. Londrigan is a member of the Sangamon County Lawyers Association, and has, during the comparatively few years of his participation in law practice, acquired a clientele of large proportions. He specializes to some extent in probate litigation.

On the 30th of June, 1923, Mr. Londrigan was united in marriage to Miss Sophia Albright, who was born, reared, and educated in Springfield, Illinois. To their union there have been born two children, James, Jr., and Robert.

Mr. Londrigan's religious affiliation is with the Roman Catholic Church, and he is a member of the Sacred Heart parish in Springfield. Fraternally he belongs to the Knights of Columbus. Mr. Londrigan has followed in the footsteps of his forebears by supporting the principles of the democratic party and, although he has not aspired to public office he has been a faithful worker for democracy and has attended a number of judicial and county conventions. In public affairs and all movements for the benefit of his home community he has always manifested excellent cooperation and has won many friends as a result.

WILTON ANDREW CARR

Wilton Andrew Carr, a representative member of the Cumberland county bar, maintaining his office in Toledo, entered upon active practice in 1925 and through the intervening period of nine years has made steady progress. Born in Cumberland county, Illinois, December 18, 1901, he is a son of Clayborn and Mary Ellen (Tipsword) Carr, also natives of the same county, their people having come to Illinois from Ohio prior to the Civil war. John L. Carr, a brother of Clayborn Carr, served as county clerk of Cumberland county for eight years, from 1901 until 1909. Clayborn Carr followed the occupation of farming until his death in 1925. He, too, was a staunch democrat, active in support of the party. His widow survives and yet makes her home in Toledo.

Wilton A. Carr acquired his early education in the public schools of Greenup, graduating from the high school there as a member of the class of 1920. He then entered the University of Illinois, from which institution he received the degree of Bachelor of Laws in 1925. In that year he was admitted to the Illinois bar and settled at Paris, this state, where he practiced law with Hon. Harvey Gross for one year, after which time Mr. Carr moved to Greemp and engaged in practice in partnership with Mr. Gross. While there, in 1926, he became a candidate for the office of county judge but was defeated. In 1928 he became the democratic candidate for state's attorney of Cumberland county, to which office he was elected for a four years' term. At the time of his election he moved to Toledo, where he has followed his profession to the present date, being accorded a liberal clientage that has connected him with much important work of the courts. He has membership in the

Cumberland County Bar Association and the Illinois State Bar Association and also belongs to the Phi Alpha Delta fraternity.

Mr. Carr is the leader of the democratic party in Cumberland county, and ever since attaining his majority has been identified with matters that have brought him prominently before the public as a citizen possessed of constructive qualities and progressive viewpoint. He was a delegate to the judicial convention at Danville in 1926, held for the purpose of nominating circuit judges for this district, and he attends all of the local democratic meetings, while as a campaign speaker he is widely known and popular. He supports the entire ticket and does everything in his power to advance the interests of the organization. In 1932 he was an unsuccessful candidate for state representative. In 1933 he was appointed by J. C. Martin as state inheritance tax investigator and was also appointed title examiner for the Home Owners Loan Corporation by Hon. James A. Meeks. Judges F. L. Wham and Walter C. Lindley appointed him conciliation commissioner of Cumberland county and in this, as in the other offices he has filled, he has made a record for efficient and faithful service.

On the 17th of June, 1930, Mr. Carr married Miss Ruth Elizabeth Connor, of Toledo, Illinois, her parents being Judge Charles M. and Clyta (McNutt) Connor, the former the present county judge of Cumberland county. Mr. and Mrs. Carr are the parents of one child, Marylin Ann. Mrs. Carr, who was born at Toledo, August 25, 1906, is a graduate of the Toledo high school and an honor graduate of the University of Illinois, which conferred upon her the Bachelor of Arts degree in 1928. She is a member of the Sigma Kappa sorority, while her religious faith is indicated by her membership in the Methodist Episcopal Church, to which her husband also belongs. Mr. Carr is a Mason and in all the relations of life is guided by high and honorable principles which make him a man whom to know is to esteem and respect.

JAMES E. REARDON

James E. Reardon, of Freeport, who holds the position of auto license investigator, was born April 2, 1904, in the city where he is still living. His father, D. J. Reardon, was born in Dakota, Stephenson county, Illinois, August 24, 1871, and for the past forty-five years has been a conductor on the Illinois Central System. From the standpoint of continuous service he is the oldest conductor on this division. He belongs to the Order of Railway Conductors and is the present secretary and treasurer of that body. His religious belief is indicated in his connection with St. Thomas Catholic Church and in politics he has been a lifelong democrat. He married Sarah Wolfe, who was born in Lena, Stephenson county.

Their son, James E. Reardon, attended St. Mary's parochial school in Freeport and afterward entered the Freeport high school, from which he was graduated as a member of the class of 1922. During his high school days he took an active interest in athletics and school sports and was captain of the Freeport high school football team from 1920 until 1922 inclusive. For fifteen years he played football as an amateur and as a professional, and he became a member of the official association known as the Illinois High School Athletic Association. In 1922 he entered the employ of the Milwaukee Railroad Company as warehouse foreman and continued to fill that position at Freeport until 1931.

Mr. Reardon has voted the democratic ticket since age conferred upon him the right of franchise. On the 1st of October, 1933, he was appointed auto license investigator for the territory which embraces Stephenson, Jo Daviess, Carroll and Ogle counties. He is a member of the Young Men's Democratic League of Stephenson county and he is regarded as a most zealous and effective party worker, doing everything in his power to promote the interests of de-

moeracy in his section of the state. He belongs to St. Thomas Catholic Church and in its teachings finds the rules that govern him in all the relations of life.

JOHN H. KNIES

John H. Knies, postmaster at Breese, has a creditable record as a public official, having filled several offices, the duties of which he has ever discharged with promptness and fidelity. He was born in Breese, Clinton county, November 25, 1882, his parents being Henry and Elizabeth (Pottmeier) Knies. He acquired his education in the parochial schools, continuing his studies through the eighth grade, and after his textbooks were put aside he became a miner, following that pursuit until 1913. He was then appointed a member of the miners' examining board, with office in Springfield, and served until 1917 under the administration of Governor Dunne. On his retirement from the office he returned to his home in Breese and in 1918 was elected sheriff of Clinton county, which position he filled until 1922 or for a four years' term. He then resumed active connection with the mining industry, with which he was associated as a manager until 1932. Mr. Knies has also filled the office of alderman in Breese, having served for a term several years ago, and on the 18th of June, 1934, he was appointed postmaster. He was a delegate to the state convention in Springfield in 1913 and he has attended several of the democratic county conventions.

On the 15th of May, 1918, in Breese, Illinois, Mr. Knies was united in marriage to Miss Elizabeth Vogelsang and they are the parents of a daughter, Althea. The family attend the Catholic Church. Mr. Knies has spent the greater part of his life in Breese, where he is well known by reason of his business and political activity. He has always been loyal to the duties that have devolved upon him in public office and is making a creditable record as postmaster.

CHARLES WILLYS TERRY

Charles Willys Terry, actively engaged in the practice of law in Edwardsville, has worked his way steadily upward in a profession where advancement depends entirely upon individual merit and ability and today has a large clientele. Born in Edwardsville, Illinois, October 14, 1868, he is a son of Jacob Wilson and Martha Price (O'Hara) Terry. The father, a native of Kentucky, was a son of Isaac Terry, who was born in the state of Virginia. The ancestral line can be traced back to 1620, when settlement was made in Virginia by representatives of the name. Jacob W. Terry, the father of Charles W. Terry, was educated at Shurtleff College. He became a school teacher and for many years was principal of the Edwardsville Academy. He also served as county superintendent of schools and he contributed in large measure to the development of the educational system of southwestern Illinois. Later he engaged in merchandising and at all times he gave his political support to the democratic party. He married Martha Price O'Hara, a native of Philadelphia, whose father was a manufacturer of that city. Mrs. Terry was educated at Monticello Seminary. Her maternal grandfather, prior to coming to America, had been a teacher at Oxford and her ambition prior to her marriage was to teach in that institution, for which her ability, charm of personality and culture, well fitted her.

Charles Willys Terry attended the Edwardsville schools until graduated from high school and then entered the University of Missouri at Columbia, where he pursued an engineering course. He also began the study of law there, and then returned to Edwardsville, where, after teaching school for one year, he read law in the office of Dale & Bradshaw, being admitted to the bar in



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1891. He began practice at once as a member of the firm of Dale, Bradshaw & Terry and has since entered into other partnership relations leading up to the organization in 1912 of the present firm of Terry, Gueltig & Powell. He has continuously engaged in practice for forty-three years and has long maintained a position of leadership at the Edwardsville bar. His knowledge of the law is comprehensive and exact and his application of the legal principle is seldom, if ever, at fault. He enjoys the confidence and goodwill of his contemporaries and colleagues and he is acknowledged the peer of the ablest lawyers in this section of the state. For three years he served as private secretary to Judge Jesse J. Phillips of the Illinois Supreme Court. He belongs to the Madison County Bar Association, of which he is a past president, to the Second Supreme Court District Bar Association, of which he is also a past president, to the Illinois Bar Association, and to the American Bar Association. He was a member of the committee of thirty and also of its executive committee of seven of the Illinois Bar Association, and was chairman of the organization committee of the Illinois Association of Criminal Justice, formed to cope with the crime situation in this state. Both as a lawyer and a citizen, he is always found on the constructive side, irrespective of his own personal interest. In 1907 he organized, and from then until 1925, was president of the Citizens State & Trust Bank of Edwardsville, which was merged with the Edwardsville National Bank & Trust Company, of which he is now a director. He was very active in the Illinois Bankers Association, served as chairman of its legislative committee and was president of its Ninth Group.

In politics Mr. Terry has always been an active democrat. He served for several years as chairman of the Madison county democratic committee, has attended many state and national conventions of the party as a delegate and as spectator and is well known in democratic circles of both commonwealth and country, but has never sought public office. In 1910 he was drafted as candidate for the state senate in his district, which was then hopelessly republican, and was defeated by a small majority. He succeeded his father as a trustee of the Southern Illinois State Normal University at Carbondale through appointment of Governor Altgeld. He is president of the Taxpayers' League of Madison County. He served as chairman of the Four-Minute Men during the World war and as chairman of the Liberty Loan and other drives and was county food administrator. While a student at Columbia he became a member of the Missouri State Militia and was commissioned a captain.

Mr. Terry belongs to the Beta Theta Phi, to the Knights of Pythias and to the Independent Order of Odd Fellows. He was one of the organizers of the Madison County Country Club and is a well known figure in the social circles of this part of the state. His interest in community welfare has been manifest in many tangible ways and his activities have been far-reaching and beneficial. He was one of the organizers of the Edwardsville Water Works and he has cooperated in many movements which have been of direct benefit to the city. His activities have indeed covered a wide scope and at all times his labors have been directed by a keen intelligence and insight which has enabled him to recognize possibilities and utilize every opportunity to the best advantage for his community and state.

Mr. Terry belongs to no church, though he and his forebears have always been deeply religious. He is tolerant of all faiths, and is absolutely free from all religious or racial prejudices. He believes that the granting of special privileges, either to capital or labor must cease and that the Golden Rule, truth, and honest service in all relations, must first become the general standard before general prosperity can be permanently assured, or the menace of war removed. He believes that no business or social success is worth while unless founded thereon, and that those in favored positions should set an example of tolerance and honesty before they can consistently demand like standards from those less favored.

HAROLD FRANCIS DILLER, M. D.

Dr. Harold Francis Diller, numbered among Peoria's successful physicians, has been accorded a large practice and maintains well appointed offices in the Peoria Life Insurance building. His father is also a physician. Harold F. Diller was born in Rantoul, Champaign county, Illinois, March 10, 1894, a son of Dr. Francis and Susanna K. (Young) Diller. The father was a son of Henry Diller, a native of Pennsylvania, in which state he was reared and educated, being a representative of one of the substantial old German families there. Henry Diller enlisted in a Pennsylvania regiment soon after the outbreak of the Civil war and participated in various campaigns, rendering valuable aid in the cause of the Union. Soon after the close of hostilities he removed westward and for a number of years resided in Penfield, Champaign county, Illinois, while his last days were spent in the Soldiers Home at Marshalltown, Iowa. His son, Dr. Francis Diller, attended the rural schools of Champaign county and after pursuing further studies along academic lines he matriculated in the medical department of the University of Illinois, in which he completed the prescribed course. At his graduation the M. D. degree was conferred upon him and for ten years thereafter he engaged in the practice of medicine at Roberts, Ford county, removing from there to Rantoul, where he has continued in active professional work to the present time, being regarded as one of the leading physicians and surgeons of Champaign county. He married Susanna K. Young, who was born in Utica, La Salle county, Illinois, a daughter of Caleb Young, who was born and reared in New Hampshire and who came to the middle west, settling near Gifford, Champaign county, where he followed farming until 1881. Later he conducted a grocery store in Rantoul until 1908, when he went to California, where he spent his remaining days in the home of Pliny Young, who was both his nephew and stepson. There he passed away in 1913. In early manhood he married Lanthia Isadore Grant, who was born in East Windsor, Connecticut, February 11, 1836, a daughter of Luther Grant and a lineal descendant of Matthew Grant, who was also an ancestor of General Ulysses S. Grant. Matthew Grant landed at the port of Boston in 1630 and in 1635 settled in East Windsor, Connecticut, Dr. Diller of this review being one of his descendants in the tenth generation. The maternal grandmother of Dr. Diller came with other members of the Grant family to Illinois, settlement being made in La Salle county, where she became the wife of Charles Young. The only child of this union was the son Pliny, who still resides in California. After the death of her first husband Mrs. Young became the wife of his brother Caleb and to them were born three children, Walter, Charles and Susanna K., the last named becoming the wife of Dr. Francis Diller. This couple are highly esteemed in Rantoul and throughout this section of the state. They have become the parents of three children: Harold F., Elsie Winifred and Grace Florence.

The public schools of Rantoul accorded Harold F. Diller his educational opportunities until he had completed the high school course, after which he spent six years as a student in the medical department of the University of Illinois, being graduated as a member of the class of 1920, at which time his professional degree was conferred upon him. In 1918 he enlisted in the Student Army Training Corps and received his honorable discharge in November, 1918. He is a member of the American Legion. After completing his studies he established his residence in Peoria, where he has since practiced, and his course has been one of steady progression. He is regarded as one of the able and popular physicians and surgeons of Peoria county and is now accorded a large business. He is an active member of the Peoria County Medical Society, the Illinois State Medical Society, and the American Medical Association, and thus he keeps in touch with the onward march of his chosen calling, being at all times familiar with the latest discoveries and methods of medical science.

In 1918 Dr. Diller was united in marriage to Miss Frieda Ida Poehlmann,

who was born in Chicago, a daughter of John Poehlmann, and who was there reared and educated. Dr. and Mrs. Diller have one child, Dorothy Winifred. The Masonic fraternity numbers Dr. Diller among its loyal members. He is identified with Rantoul Lodge, No. 27, A. F. & A. M., and he belongs also to the University Club, the American Business Club, of which he was secretary, and the Mount Hawley Country Club. He has a wide acquaintance in Peoria county, where his social nature, his professional worth and his loyal citizenship have gained him high and enduring regard.

WILLIAM ROBERT POWELL

William Robert Powell, of Annawan, Illinois, who is chief swine herdsman at the Dixon State Hospital, is thoroughly qualified to meet the responsible duties that devolve upon him in his present official connection. Henry county numbers him among its native sons, his birth having occurred on the family farm in Alba township, October 20, 1899. His parents, Edward and Rose (Christian) Powell, are now deceased, the father having departed this life about 1920, while the mother survived until 1933. Edward Powell was one of the most successful farmers of his community, wisely directing his farming interests so that he annually gathered good crops. In politics he was always a democrat.

William R. Powell was educated in the public schools of Henry county until graduated from high school. He then took up work under Dr. Charles R. Van Horsen, giving his attention to a special line of veterinary service. Dr. Van Horsen was with the Aeme Feed Company and Mr. Powell became associated with the Doctor and with the Aeme Feed Company, a connection that was maintained for five years. He was afterward with the Walnut Grove Products Company for a year and a half, at the end of which time he became chief swine herdsman at the Dixon State Hospital on the 14th of June, 1933. Through the intervening period to the present he has occupied this position.

On the 24th of January, 1922, Mr. Powell was united in marriage to Miss Rachel Van Vooren, of Kewanee, Illinois, and they became the parents of two children, Lawrence Robert and Rachel C. The wife and mother passed away June 8, 1926. The religious faith of the family is that of the Catholic Church and Mr. Powell is connected with the Knights of Columbus. In politics he has ever been a stalwart democrat and is now precinct committeeman in Annawan township. He was precinct captain during the Horner and Roosevelt campaigns and he carried the precinct overwhelmingly in support of both the candidates, it being the first time in the history of the precinct that it had gone democratic. Mr. Powell was a delegate to the last judicial convention held in Rock Island and he is thoroughly versed upon political topics, so that his position is at all times an unassailable one. He understands the basic principles of the party organization and he labors earnestly and effectively in support of its candidates for office.

WALTER HILL

Walter Hill, the postmaster of Pana, Christian county, has been continuously in public office since 1930 and makes the prompt and faithful performance of his duties a chief consideration with him. His public service has therefore been highly satisfactory to his constituents. Mr. Hill was born August 11, 1895, in Pana, Illinois, and is a son of Charles and Rosa (Law) Hill. Always a democrat, the father served as alderman in his city for several years, at all times endeavoring to further the public good.

Walter Hill completed his education as a high school pupil in Pana but did not graduate. Following his school days he associated himself with his father in the hardware and harness business in Pana and remained active in that mercantile field until 1934, when he concentrated his attention upon his work as postmaster.

On the 15th of May, 1933, Mr. Hill was united in marriage to Mrs. Ruth Mercer and they are the parents of a daughter, Helen Maxine. In his fraternal relations Mr. Hill is a loyal follower of Masonic teachings, and he is equally faithful as a member of the Presbyterian Church. He also belongs to the American Legion, which indicates that he is a veteran of the World war. Politically he has always been a democrat. He was elected supervisor in 1930 and served a three years' term, then was reelected in 1933 for a four years' term and served until July, 1934. On July 1, 1934, he was appointed postmaster of Pana, and his excellent record as supervisor gives promise of equally efficient service in his present position. He has attended some of the state conventions and is one of the stalwart democrats of Christian county.

EDWIN C. BRAUN

Edwin C. Braun, of Lebanon, has long been active in democratic ranks. He was born in Lebanon, Illinois, July 5, 1881, a son of Balzer Braun, a native of Germany, who came to the United States when fourteen years of age. Balzer Braun was a cooper by trade. In politics he became a supporter of the democratic party and served for many years on the city council. He married Barbara Kadell, who was born in Germany and in early girlhood accompanied her parents on their emigration to the United States.

Edwin C. Braun attended the public schools of Lebanon until graduated from high school and was first employed as a clerk in a grocery store. In 1914 he established a picture show in Lebanon, which he conducted until 1920 and then sold out. The following year he joined his brothers, Louis and Alvin, in the cigar manufacturing business, with which he has since been identified. They have built up a substantial trade and are at all times actuated by a spirit of enterprise and progress.

Mr. Braun belongs to the Knights of Pythias lodge, of which he is a past chancellor, and to the Masonic fraternity. He is likewise connected with several singing and other local societies and has always been deeply interested in music. He and Dr. Griesbaum are the two original members of the board of the Community high school who are still serving, this being their fourteenth year, and the interests of the school have been greatly promoted through their efforts. Mr. Braun is also a valued member of the Lebanon Commercial Club. Politically a stalwart democrat, he was elected and served for two terms as city treasurer and also held the office for one term by appointment to fill a vacancy. He has attended many party conventions in Springfield as delegate and visitor and is widely known in democratic circles in the state, his fellow members of the party recognizing his worth to the organization.

GEORGE B. MARVEL

George B. Marvel, an attorney at law of Clinton, De Witt county, and now arbitrator for the industrial commission, was born February 5, 1871, in the northwestern part of De Witt county, his parents being Wiley and Elizabeth (Williams) Marvel. He represents one of the old American families that was established in the new world about 1650. The first of the name settled in Accomac county, West Virginia, which district is now a part of the state of Delaware. Josiah Marvel, one of the eastern representatives of the family, was at one time president of the American Bar Association. The grandfather of our subject, Prettyman Marvel, and the latter's brother-in-law, John Barr, were the first settlers of De Witt county, Illinois, arriving here in the winter of 1825-26, at which time they took up their abode near what is now Waynesville. Mrs. Naney (Marvel) Teal, an aunt of George B. Marvel, was the first white woman born in this country. The family from the date of its earliest connection with American interests has given staunch support to the democratic party.

George B. Marvel acquired his early education in the schools of his native



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county and afterward attended the Illinois Wesleyan University at Bloomington, from which he was graduated in 1896 with the Bachelor of Science degree. He then matriculated in the Bloomington Law School, which at that time was a branch of the Illinois Wesleyan University, and gained his Bachelor of Laws degree at his graduation with the class of 1898. At Fairbury, Livingston county, Illinois, he engaged in practice for three years but at the end of that time returned to De Witt county, where he has since remained, continuously following his profession. He has built up a satisfactory practice which he handles wisely and well, and the ability and force with which he presents a cause before the court have won him many favorable verdicts.

Mr. Marvel has always been a student of democracy, reads broadly along this line and is thoroughly familiar with the detailed history of Thomas Jefferson, the real founder of the party. With any event of importance that has to do with the development of democracy in Illinois, Mr. Marvel is thoroughly acquainted and he is the author of the chapter on De Witt county democracy which appears in this work. In 1914 President Wilson appointed him postmaster of Clinton and he served until 1920, when he resigned and became connected with the State Bank of Clinton as its president. One of the early appointments made by Governor Horner placed Mr. Marvel in the position of arbitrator for the industrial commission on the 6th of February, 1933, and he has since acted in this capacity. In 1912 he was made a delegate to the democratic national convention from the nineteenth congressional district and in 1928 he was again a delegate to the national convention held at Houston, Texas. He has been a member of the De Witt county central committee since 1892 and was its chairman from 1908 until 1916. He has also been the De Witt county member of the senatorial committee from the twenty-eighth senatorial district and he is a member of the Jefferson Society of this county.

On the 9th of June, 1915, Mr. Marvel was married to Miss Phebe Gramesly, of Charleston, Illinois, a daughter of Charles and Keturah Gramesly, who were republican voters but became converted to the democratic faith. Mr. and Mrs. Marvel have one child, George B., Jr., sixteen years of age, now attending high school. Fraternally Mr. Marvel is connected with the Knights of Pythias and with the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks. He has spent the greater part of his life in De Witt county, where he is widely known and where his circle of friends is almost coextensive with the circle of his acquaintance.

ROLLA E. RENFRO

Rolla E. Renfro, whose connection with the Jeffersonian Club establishes his political allegiance, has been active in democratic circles of Clay county since attaining his majority. He makes his home in Flora, where he is engaged in merchandising. He was born in Jennings county, Indiana, January 9, 1886, and is a son of Charles F. and Maggie (Rodgers) Renfro. The mother is a native of Clay county, Illinois, and a daughter of Daniel Rodgers, who was likewise born in Clay county, his father having come to Illinois before the admission of the state into the Union. In fact he was one of its earliest settlers and did much toward the development of the section in which he established his home. He and all of his family were stanch democrats. Charles F. Renfro, father of Rolla E., was born in Jennings county, Indiana, and established his home in Clay county, Illinois, in 1882. He was a Baptist minister and preached in various parts of the state until his death in January, 1933. In politics he was a stanch democrat and made many speeches in support of William Jennings Bryan during the campaigns of 1896 and 1900. He is still survived by his widow.

Rolla E. Renfro completed his public school education by graduation from the high school at Flora and then engaged in teaching in Clay county until 1911, when he became a clerk in the Scudamore Brothers store, there remaining until 1918. He afterward traveled for the Simmons Hardware Company of St. Louis until 1930, when he established his present variety store on North avenue in Flora, building up a substantial business here.

In 1904 Mr. Renfro was married to Miss Lulu Jones, a native of Clay county, Illinois, and a daughter of James W. and Ann (Smith) Jones, who were representatives of a pioneer democratic family of this section. The children of the marriage are: Charles O., a resident of Spencer, Iowa; Margaret, who is the wife of Burdett Smithson, of Effingham, Illinois; and Harold E. and Betty Jane, both at home. Mr. and Mrs. Renfro are consistent members of the Baptist Church and take a helpful interest in all that pertains to the moral development and progress of the community. For ten years Mr. Renfro served as superintendent of the Sunday school and was one of the church deacons for six years. His interest in community welfare is indicated in his connection with the Chamber of Commerce. He belongs to the Jeffersonian Club and has been active in democratic politics since reaching maturity. He is inspector of waterways at the present time, appointed July 1, 1931. In 1934 he was elected committeeman of the fourth precinct and was chosen chairman of the Clay county democratic central committee by the delegates on the 10th of April of the same year. He was also made a delegate to the state convention of 1934 and is recognized as one of the active workers of the party in his county, where his labors are proving a resultant force in winning success for its candidates.

EARL WETZEL

There is a zest for victory in almost every individual, and if that victory results in the establishment or sustaining of a principle, it is all the more of an incentive for continued action. It is this which makes men strive so insistently toward winning their political battles. Earl Wetzel is among those who have been loyal supporters of the democratic party throughout life and he is now secretary of the local democratic organization. He makes his home in Sycamore, De Kalb county, and is a native of Illinois, his birth having occurred in Stonington township, Christian county, February 13, 1884, his parents being Moses Rheim and Emily (Eaton) Wetzel. The father, a native of Pennsylvania, came to Illinois in 1861, settling in Christian county. He enlisted in a Pennsylvania regiment for service in the Civil war and was stationed on the Atlantic coast as a fifer. He married in Illinois, his wife being a resident of Christian county.

Their son, Earl Wetzel, completed the work of the grade schools near Stonington and also attended high school in Stonington for a year. Later he was a student in the Illinois State Normal University at Normal and subsequently engaged in the retail jewelry business, opening a store in 1908 at Bluffs, Illinois. In 1911 he came to Sycamore, where he entered the jewelry business in partnership with his two brothers. He is also an optometrist and in both lines of business he has built up a good trade owing to his progressive methods and unfaltering industry. His reliability is an unquestioned fact in his career and he is regarded as one of the leading merchants of Sycamore.

In early manhood Mr. Wetzel was united in marriage to Miss Muriel Duckwall, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Marvin W. Duckwall, of Mount Auburn, Illinois. Mr. and Mrs. Wetzel are the parents of five children, as follows: Marvin R., who is twenty-five years of age; Gordon W., a young man of twenty-three years; Emily J., aged twenty-one; Mary E., who is nineteen years old; and Martha E., aged seventeen years. Mr. Wetzel is affiliated with the Federated Church, to which his wife also belongs, and his interest in community affairs is indicated in his membership in the Sycamore Chamber of Commerce. Something of the nature of his recreation is shown in the fact that he belongs to the Izaak Walton League and for two years was president of the Sycamore chapter. He also has membership in Sycamore Lodge No. 1392 of the Benevolent Order of Elks. He has been very zealous in Boy Scout activities, and was a member of the De Kalb County Council, Boy Scouts of America, from its organization. This council was later merged with the Fox River Council and named Chief Shabbona Council and Mr. Wetzel was given the Silver Beaver

award for the year 1932 for his service to the council. This award was one of two given in the territory of the council comprising parts of three counties. Politically Mr. Wetzel has always been a democrat and is a member of the Young Democrats Club. In 1932 he was a delegate to the state convention in Springfield and since 1930 he has been precinct committeeman, doing all in his power to further the interests of the party and promote its successes.

DAVID JOSEPH REDMOND

Among De Kalb's well known citizens is David Joseph Redmond, who is now maintenance supervisor of Elgin District No. 1, having been appointed to this position February 8, 1932. Previous to this he had been identified with the business interests of the city for a number of years. He was born in De Kalb, Illinois, August 14, 1877, a son of Terrence Redmond, who came from Ireland in 1865 and settled in De Kalb county, where he immediately took out naturalization papers. He gave earnest support to the democratic party and was precinct committeeman of Precinct No. 3 of De Kalb for ten years, succeeding John Ronin, after which David J. Redmond became the incumbent in the position and also served for ten years. Terrence Redmond married Ann Malone and they reared their family in De Kalb.

David J. Redmond attended the public schools and was graduated from the high school with the class of 1895. He then turned his attention to the newspaper business, becoming connected with the De Kalb Chronicle. Later he was an automobile dealer of the city and was thus identified with business interests until he was appointed to the position of maintenance supervisor of the state of Illinois for Elgin District No. 1. He is now acting in this capacity and is recognized as a faithful follower of the democratic party in De Kalb county. In fact he has voted the straight ticket since age conferred upon him the right to go to the ballot box. He belongs to the Young Peoples Democratic Club of De Kalb and at one time was the democratic candidate for the office of county coroner. He attended the national convention in Chicago when Bryan was nominated. His interest in community affairs has been manifest in other ways. He sold Liberty bonds during the World war and at all times he gives his aid and cooperation to projects for the general good.

On the 15th of July, 1913, in La Salle, Illinois, Mr. Redmond was united in marriage to Miss Nellie Noonan, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Patrick J. Noonan, of that city. Mr. and Mrs. Redmond are the parents of two children: Anna Mary, eighteen years of age; and David Joseph, Jr., who is a youth of sixteen years. Mr. Redmond is a fourth degree member of the Knights of Columbus, belonging to De Kalb Council, No. 717, and to Marquette Assembly at Aurora. He is also identified with the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks and is a communicant of St. Mary's Catholic Church.

THOMAS F. KIRBY

For the past thirty-four years Thomas F. Kirby, who is postmaster of Steward, Lee county, has been precinct committeeman of the democratic party and a recognized party leader throughout the entire period. He was born November 13, 1869, in Alto township, Lee county, a son of Stephen and Ellen (Kennedy) Kirby. The father, who was born in Ireland, September 16, 1843, came to America in 1850 and was a resident of Wilmington, Ohio, until February, 1860, when he arrived in Lee county, Illinois, settling in what is now Alto township, where he carried on farming until his death. In 1861 he purchased one hundred and sixty acres of land on which he put all of the improvements, converting it into an excellent farm property. In politics he was always a democrat. He died March 4, 1927, while his wife, also a native of Ireland, passed away at the comparatively early age of forty-eight years.

Thomas F. Kirby attended the public schools of Alto township and in young manhood began farming on his own account, being thus engaged until

1893, when he took up his abode in Steward, where he established an implement business which he carried on until appointed acting postmaster in April, 1934. On the 1st of July following he was commissioned to the office, which he is now filling, discharging his duties with promptness and capability. He has always been a stalwart democrat and his work as precinct committeeman through a period of thirty years has been far-reaching and beneficial to the party. At an early age he was a delegate to the state convention and followed it by attending many after that. He has never asked for public office. During his many years as a member of the county committee he has served continuously as chairman of the township committee excepting two years. He is chairman of the P. W. A. board for the townships of Alto, Reynolds and Willow Creek and as such now has the direction of the building of the gymnasium for the public school of Steward.

On October 1, 1890, Mr. Kirby was united in marriage to Miss Bridget Maren and they are the parents of six children, namely: Margaret, who is the wife of William Herman, of Shabbona, Illinois; Stephen, a resident of Chicago; William, who makes his home in Rockford, Illinois; Marella, the wife of Donald Johnston, of Chicago; Harold, of Logansport, Indiana; and Mary, the wife of Harold Berk, of Chicago. Mr. Kirby is a communicant of the Catholic Church and belongs to the Knights of Columbus. Having always lived in Lee county, he has a wide acquaintance and his sterling traits of character are attested by his large circle of friends.

HENRY A. SHEPARD

The life record of Henry A. Shepard covered the period from May 17, 1858, to June 11, 1926, and within that span of time he contributed in marked measure to the material development of Jerseyville, his native city, and to the progress of the state through his valuable service as a legislator. He was a son of William and Ann M. (Gross) Shepard, the latter a native of Elizabethtown, Pennsylvania. The father was born in Markington, Staffordshire, England, in 1816 and came to the new world in 1830, when a youth of fourteen years. He settled first in Pennsylvania, where he lived for a short time, but in 1834 came to Jersey county, Illinois. In 1840 he returned to Pennsylvania, where he married and then brought his bride to his new home, crossing the country in a covered wagon. At Jerseyville he started in business as a shoemaker but eventually turned his attention to merchandising, later entered the field of banking and afterward became a contract railroad builder. In this connection he built the Louisiana branch of the Chicago & Alton Railroad and later was awarded important railroad construction contracts on a number of the roads in Illinois and Texas. Gradually his business interests broadened in volume and importance and he became a prominent factor in the development and improvement of the Mississippi valley. He was a democrat from the time when he was accorded American citizenship and gave unfaltering support to the party, while for one term he served as state senator. He attended the democratic national conventions and was keenly interested in everything that had to do with the adoption of democratic principles. He held membership in the Catholic Church, was one of its active workers and generous contributors and was the chief builder of St. Francis Xavier Catholic Church in Jerseyville.

Henry A. Shepard attended the public schools of Jerseyville and the University of Notre Dame, his liberal education well qualifying him for the duties and responsibilities which later devolved upon him as a business man and public official. He followed banking in Jerseyville through practically his entire life and his safe conservatism was a potent element in the success of the banking institution with which he was associated. At all times he gave thorough consideration to political problems, worked earnestly for the principles in which he believed and became one of the recognized leaders of democracy in his part



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of the state. In 1904 he was elected to the state legislature, was re-elected in 1906, in 1908 and then after a term out of office was again elected in 1912, 1914, 1916, 1918 and 1922. He served altogether for eight terms and he gave careful consideration to the vital problems which were brought forth in legislative halls. He endorsed only those bills which he believed would work for the best interests of the people at large and his service was highly commendable. Jerseyville also honored him with the mayoralty for eight years and for several terms he was one of the city aldermen. He attended the state conventions of his party and his views were ever accorded due consideration, for he was accounted one of the outstanding figures in democratic circles in his section of the state.

Mr. Shepard was married to Miss Matilda Revere, who was born in Council Bluffs, Iowa, September 26, 1859, and died February 2, 1902. They held membership in the Catholic Church and Mr. Shepard was a Knight of Columbus. His life was one of broad usefulness to his community and to the commonwealth, and the record which he made as a business man and citizen reflects credit upon the district which called him to high office.

EDWARD W. MAHER

Edward W. Maher, a prominent and well known representative of the mining industry in Illinois, has had broad experience in this field of labor throughout the United States and he is now serving as state mines examiner, making his home in Lincoln. He was born in Bloomington, Illinois, November 18, 1869, a son of Daniel and Anna (O'Mara) Maher. The father was born in Ireland and in young manhood came to the United States, where as a miner he worked underground nearly all of his life in the Pennsylvania and Illinois coal fields. He was also active in labor organizations as far back as 1861. He always voted with the democratic party and was a staunch supporter of its principles. His wife was born in Queens county, Ireland, but they were married in the United States and they removed with their family to Lincoln when their son, Edward W. Maher, was a lad of twelve years.

After acquiring his education in the parochial schools of Lincoln, Edward W. Maher entered the coal mines as a trapper and subsequently served as a driver, while later he became a regular miner. He has worked in practically every anthracite coal field in the United States and has had broad and varied experience in connection with the industry. In 1913 he was appointed chairman of the state miners' board by Governor Dunne and occupied the position for four years. Subsequently he became legal investigator for the United Mine Workers of America and so served until 1933, when he was again appointed president of the miners' examining board by Governor Horner. This is a position of much responsibility and for the duties of the office he is particularly well qualified, so that he is rendering valuable service in this connection. He has always been active in organized labor and has held various offices in the United Mine Workers of America.

In 1899 Mr. Maher was united in marriage to Miss Nellie Walsh, a native of Sangamon county, Illinois, and to them have been born four children, as follows: William, who died in infancy; Dr. John W., of Lincoln, Illinois; Nellie, at home; and Margaret, twin sister of Nellie. The last named is now Sister Mary Edward Ellen in the Order of the Blessed Virgin Mary at St. Charles Convent in Chicago. Mr. Maher is an active churchman, being a communicant of St. Patrick's Church, and he has membership in the Knights of Columbus, in which he has held minor offices. He has always been an active party worker in democratic circles and served for twenty years as a member of the Logan county democratic central committee, continuing to act in that capacity until 1934. He has attended many congressional, senatorial and state conventions as a delegate and his opinions carry weight in the councils of the party.

CHARLES J. RIEFLER

Illinois Democracy is proud of those senior members of the party who have, by their personal achievements and repute that have been won through careers of honor in various fields of endeavor, added lustre and prestige to the party, and have, in their written records, given imperishable value to the democratic history of this state. Among these men of accomplishment is Charles J. Riefler, of Springfield, vice president of the Abraham Lincoln Life Insurance Company of that city and formerly one of the leading figures in the cause of union labor and the Illinois State Federation of Labor, of which body he was president three times, being widely known as a fearless champion of those principles which he considers right.

Charles J. Riefler is a native of Springfield, Illinois, his birth having occurred in this city September 13, 1862. He is a son of the late Michael and Elizabeth (Lutz) Riefler, both of whom were descended from pure German stock, and who were of that fine Teutonic strain of emigration which came into this country in the middle of the last century and from which some of the nation's most substantial citizens have descended. Mr. Riefler's grandfather, Conrad Riefler, came to the United States from Germany and settled in New York. His son, Michael, and father of Charles J., was a contractor and builder by occupation and in 1857 came west to Springfield, Illinois, where he died in 1885. He was a democrat of high standing and at one time represented the fourth ward of this community in the city council. Elizabeth (Lutz) Riefler, mother of Charles J., was born in Germany and was a daughter of Conrad and Margaret Lutz, who came to America when she was six years old. In 1841, very soon after they disembarked, they came to Springfield. Mrs. Riefler died in the year 1926, when she had attained the age of eighty-six years. By her marriage, she was the mother of four sons and three daughters, only the sons surviving.

In the public schools of Springfield, Charles J. Riefler obtained his early education, and he finished with one year in high school. In part for the purpose of improving his health, Mr. Riefler then engaged in farm work for two years, the farm comprising the site of the present Bergen Park in Springfield. The outdoor life and beneficial work more than justified him in his decision and at the age of sixteen he began to serve an apprenticeship in the printing business in Springfield, in the employ of Fred Gehring. All the printing at this establishment was in the German language, so after a year and a half Mr. Riefler went with H. W. Rocker & Company, who were state printers, and in this employ learned printing in the English language. For an interval, he was with the Journal as foreman of the state bill work. It may be noted here that, during his apprenticeship, he attended night school, thus indicating his determination to make good. For eight years, he was a journeyman printer and worked in different cities, acquiring valuable experience and training. In 1887 he entered the employ of the Illinois State Register, and in time became foreman of the job printing department.

Social and working conditions in labor circles began to interest Mr. Riefler during these years and he studied the subject from every angle, with the result that he conceived of benefits and remedial measures for labor which he did not hesitate to make public. In 1894 he was appointed by Governor Altgeld of Illinois a member of the State Board of Arbitration, and held this position for three years, his work being entirely in the settlement of labor disputes. In 1894 he was elected president of the Illinois State Federation of Labor, and was thereafter re-elected three times. He retired from this office in 1897, having rendered service of unsurpassed excellence and benefit to the working man. Each of his re-elections was unanimous. Mr. Riefler was a believer in the economic principles of Henry George, in the single tax, and these principles were adopted by the State Federation. Mr. Riefler was for five terms president of the Springfield branch of the Illinois State Federation

of Labor, and for seven terms was president of the Typographical Union. In 1884 he cast his first vote for Grover Cleveland, and in 1898 he was chosen alderman from the third ward in Springfield, his term extending over two years.

In 1897 Mr. Riefler entered into the business life of Springfield by taking charge of the Edward F. Hartman Printing Company, and in this capacity he remained until 1906, a period of nine years. In the last year, he started in the general insurance business in Springfield, but before proceeding with this phase of his career it is well to return to the year 1895 when, with others, he organized the Court of Honor Life Association. This was a charitable and insurance organization, and he later published its official paper which attained a circulation of over one hundred thousand. Resources of this organization reached over the two million dollar mark and business was done in eighteen states. In 1924 the Court of Honor was reorganized as an old line life insurance company known as The Springfield Life Insurance Company, and Mr. Riefler was elected vice president. In 1931 it was merged with the Abraham Lincoln Life Insurance Company, which had been organized in 1916. The organization is now well known under the latter title, and Mr. Riefler is vice president. At the time of the merger, the Springfield Life Insurance Company was much the larger of the two.

Mr. Riefler has been twice married. His first marriage occurred October 23, 1886, and his bride was Miss Barbara Kessler, of Springfield, a daughter of Adam and Margaret Kessler, natives of Germany. Adam Kessler was a market gardener. Mr. and Mrs. Riefler became the parents of two sons. Carl J. was born September 5, 1887, in Springfield, and is now executive head of the conservation department of the Abraham Lincoln Life Insurance Company. He married Rose Putting, a daughter of W. F. Putting. Harold J., the younger son, was born September 6, 1891, and is now in charge of the Capitol information bureau in the Capitol Building in Springfield. He married Eleanor Knox of Springfield and they are the parents of four daughters. Mrs. Barbara K. Riefler passed away October 13, 1925, and on June 22, 1927, Mr. Riefler was married to Mrs. Jennie B. Sommers of St. Louis, Missouri.

Mr. Riefler is a thirty-second degree Mason. His religious affiliation is with the Grace Lutheran Church, in which he is a deacon. In addition to business affairs and his home and family, to all of which he is devoted, Mr. Riefler is one of Springfield's most ardent baseball fans, and follows the national pastime very closely.

CLARENCE S. HAAS

Clarence S. Haas, who is engaged in the abstract business in Oregon, has been an active campaign worker for the democratic party for a number of years and is now chairman of the Ogle county democratic central committee. He represents one of the old pioneer families of Illinois and is of English descent, his ancestors having come from England about twenty-five years after the arrival of the Mayflower. His father, John Haas, was born in Selinsgrove, Pennsylvania, and married Louise Bumstead, a native of Philadelphia. He was reared and educated in Springfield, Ohio, and in young manhood came to Illinois, arriving about 1846. He settled in Pekin, where he engaged in the saddlery and harness business for many years, while two of his brothers were in the same line of business at Dayton, Ohio. In politics he was a staunch democrat.

Clarence S. Haas was born in Pekin, Tazewell county, Illinois, April 2, 1868, and there attended the public schools. He afterward began reading law and while thus engaged made his living by working in the abstract business. In 1891 he was employed by the Title & Trust Company of Peoria and in 1892 he came to Oregon, where he became associated with the Charles D. Etnyre Abstract Company. With this business he has since been connected and it is now incorporated with Mr. Haas as vice president. He is thoroughly familiar with every phase of the business and does expert work in this connection. He

was one of the founders of the Illinois Title Association in 1907 and served as its president for the term 1912 and 1913.

On the 16th of August, 1899, Mr. Haas was united in marriage to Emma V. Etnyre and they are the parents of a daughter and a son, namely: Helen, who is the wife of J. Benjamin Cleaver, an attorney residing in Highland Park, Illinois; and Burton E., who is office manager of the Oregon Free Employment Office of Ogle county.

Mr. Haas has been active in democratic affairs since 1888, or for a period of forty-six years. In fact he has worked consistently for the party since coming to Ogle county and he was particularly active in both campaigns for Woodrow Wilson. Since 1932 he has been fighting to build a local organization and to keep democrats out of the republican primaries, causing the democrats to put up candidates and vote in their own primaries. In that year he was elected chairman of the Ogle county democratic central committee and was reelected in 1934. He is a thorough organizer and tireless campaigner for the principles of true democracy. In 1932 he attended the national convention held in Chicago. Fraternally Mr. Haas is a Mason and his religious faith is that of the Lutheran Church. High principles actuate him in all life's relations and the sterling traits of his character make him a citizen who commands the esteem and goodwill of all with whom he comes in contact.

WILLIAM F. SHEPARD

The consensus of public opinion places William F. Shepard among the efficient and farsighted mayors of western Illinois. He is filling that office in Jerseyville, which is his native city. He was born April 16, 1887, a son of Henry A. and Matilda (Revere) Shepard, who are mentioned elsewhere in this work. After attending the public schools of Jerseyville, William F. Shepard became a student in Washington University at St. Louis and through his active business life has been engaged in banking and in the automobile business. Whatever he undertakes he carries forward to successful completion, and whether in business or in politics his labors have been far-reaching and resultant. Since attaining his majority he has given earnest and unqualified support to the democratic party and in 1916 he became mayor pro tem of Jerseyville, thus serving until 1917, when he was elected to the office for a two-year term. The record which he made led to his reelection in 1919, and in 1923 he was again chosen to the position for a four year-term. He then retired but in 1931 was once more reelected for the four-year term, which will expire in 1935. He has served for two terms as alderman, from 1913 to 1915, and he is thoroughly familiar with municipal problems and opportunities. He finds ready solution for the former and utilizes the latter to the full extent, making a most creditable record as the chief executive of Jerseyville.

On the 20th of June, 1918, Mr. Shepard was married to Miss Helen Laurent, a daughter of Ludovic Laurent. Their children are Helen Louise, Mary Matilda, Elizabeth Ann and Jean Frances. The religious faith of the family is that of the Catholic Church and fraternally Mr. Shepard is connected with the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks. His life story is an open book. He has always lived in Jerseyville and his fellow townsmen recognize that his has been a well spent life in which he has wisely used his talents and opportunities not only for his personal benefit in business affairs but also for the upbuilding and progress of his city, which in many ways has benefited by his labors.

ROBERT F. CANODE

Robert F. Canode, a resident of Oregon, was appointed highway maintenance police on the 11th of May, 1933, and has since filled the office. A native of Illinois, he was born in Mount Morris, March 15, 1903, a son of J. F. and Lucy (Seyster) Canode, the former a native of Pennsylvania, while the latter was born in Ogle county, Illinois.



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Robert F. Canode attended the public schools of Oregon, passing through consecutive grades until his graduation from high school with the class of 1922. The following year he entered the employ of the Adams-Elting Paint Company of Chicago as a chemist and remained with the firm until 1927. He then secured a position with the Chicago Surface Lines and was thus employed until 1931, when he became private chauffeur to Governor Lowden, thus serving for two years. He left that position when appointed a member of the highway maintenance police on the 11th of May, 1933.

In August, 1928, Mr. Canode was married to Miss Thelma Hewett. They are members of the Presbyterian Church and they are well known in Oregon, where Mr. Canode has spent much of his life. That his record is a commendable one is indicated by the large number of his friends.

CHARLES HAROLD KNODEL

Charles Harold Knodel, the postmaster at Hull, Pike county, was born at Kinderhook, this county, April 18, 1909, a son of William H. and Allie (McIntire) Knodel. The father was born September 13, 1883, and became a farmer, devoting his entire life to agricultural pursuits. Politically he was a staunch democrat, always voting the ticket and supporting the men and measures of the party. At the time of his death, which occurred December 11, 1925, he was residing south of Kinderhook. His widow still survives.

Charles H. Knodel mastered the elementary branches of learning in the rural schools of Kinderhook township, Pike county, and afterward attended high school in Hull, where he was graduated as a member of the class of 1926. He next entered Illinois College at Jacksonville, where he remained a student for four years, being graduated in 1930, at which time the Bachelor of Arts degree was conferred upon him. He then returned home and was interested in agricultural life for a while.

On the 3d of October, 1933, Mr. Knodel was united in marriage to Miss Ethel Wentz and they are the parents of a son, Charles H., Jr. Fraternally Mr. Knodel is a Mason of high rank. He belongs to Hull Lodge, No. 910, A. F. & A. M., at Hull, and has attained the thirty-second degree in the Scottish Rite, his membership being in the consistory at Quincy. He also belongs to the Lions Club of Hull, of which he is now president, and his religious belief is indicated in his membership in the Methodist Church. In politics a democrat, he has worked for the party since old enough to vote and belongs to the Young Men's Democratic Club of Pike county, taking a helpful interest in its organized work for the benefit of democracy. His allegiance to party interests received recognition in his appointment to the position of postmaster of Hull on the 28th of June, 1934, so that he will remain the incumbent in the position until 1938.

WILLIAM SCHAEFER

While William Schaefer depends upon farming as a source of livelihood and carefully manages his property, he also finds time to aid in public affairs and is now acceptably serving as chairman of the board of supervisors of Montgomery county. A native of Illinois, he was born on a farm in Jersey county in 1868 and is a son of Jacob and Catherine (Reiker) Schaefer. The father was a native of Germany and soon after crossing the Atlantic to the United States made his way to Jersey county, Illinois, where he settled upon the farm on which his son William was born. He and his wife had a family of six sons and two daughters: John, Jacob, David, Charles, Henry, William, Catherine and Mary. Of this family, William, Jacob, David and Catherine are still living.

William Schaefer obtained his education in the schools of Christian county, the family having removed there about 1876. He was reared in the usual manner of the farm-bred boy and has continued to devote his life to agricultural

pursuits, showing sound judgment and marked enterprise in the management of his farm. In 1890 he was united in marriage to Miss Sinia Beaman, of Christian county, and they have become parents of four children, Herbert, Homer, Herman and Bruce, but the last named died in childhood.

Mr. Schaefer continued to make his home in Christian county until about 1901, when he bought a farm in Montgomery county, two miles west of Nokomis, there carrying on agricultural pursuits until about 1927, when he sold his land. However, he has since carried on farming, although living in the city of Nokomis, where he opened a coal yard which he still owns. At different times he has been called upon to serve in public office. For about twelve years he was a constable and for eight years was chief of police, while at present writing he is chairman of the board of county supervisors. In politics he has always been a staunch democrat, following in the footsteps of the family in this connection, for he firmly believes that the party principles contain the best elements of good government. The family attend the Lutheran Church of Nokomis, where they are widely and favorably known.

ORRA WILLIAM HARRIS

For twenty-two years Orra William Harris has been county surveyor of Shelby county—a notable record and one which indicates clearly his capability and his fidelity to the interests of the office. Mr. Harris comes to Illinois from the neighboring state of Indiana, his birth having occurred there in Sullivan county, October 8, 1868. His parents, Benjamin H. and Sarah (Fordyce) Harris, were also natives of Indiana, but in 1880 they brought their family to this state, settling on a farm near Assumption, where the father carried on agricultural pursuits until 1888. He then sold his farm property and afterward engaged in hotel keeping as proprietor of the Harris House in Shelbyville, continuing in this business until his death in 1904. His widow survived him until 1916. They were the parents of five children, three sons and two daughters: Lurie, who is now deceased; Orra W., who is the second in order of birth; Harmon, of Springfield, who married Maude Watton, of Shelbyville, who has now passed away; Claude, who married Joseph Monahan of Springfield and is now living in Denver, Colorado; and Everett, who married a young lady of the Phillipine Islands, where they now make their home. He had served in the Spanish-American war and then enlisted for service in the Phillipines, where he was remained continuously since 1899.

Orra W. Harris, after acquiring a public school education in Shelby county, took up civil engineering and contracting, in which lines of business he has continued to the present time. His has been an active, useful and well spent life and for many years he has enjoyed a substantial business which has resulted from his close application and his thorough reliability.

In 1892 Mr. Harris was married to Miss Keturah Goodall, a native of Morgan county, Illinois, and they had three children. Elma became the wife of Emery Warner, of Monticello, Illinois, and has two sons, Harris and Jack. Cuba Maine, born in 1898, is the wife of Barney O'Hara, of Ivesdale, Illinois, and they have three children: Billy, Norma Jean and Paul. Aubrey F., who married Vesta Schaeffer of Shelbyville, is now serving as supervisor. Mrs. Keturah Harris died in 1932 and on the 12th of May, 1934, Mr. Harris married Mrs. Sarah E. Pierce, of Patoka, Illinois.

Mr. Harris has always been a democrat and the first public office to which he was called was that of county surveyor, in which he is still serving, his incumbency having covered twenty-two years. He has also been city superintendent of streets in Shelbyville for seven years and his record as a public official is a most commendable one. He belongs to Shelbyville Lodge, No. 117, I. O. O. F., and his entire life has been guided by upright principles, making him a consistent member of the Baptist Church, in which he has long held membership.

ALBERT H. HANNEKEN

Albert H. Hanneken is one of the leading attorneys of Lee county, practicing in Dixon, and there is no man more familiar with the history of democracy in this county, for from early youth he has been a staunch advocate of party principles. It was a logical result, therefore, that he was chosen to prepare the chapter on Lee County Democracy that appears in this work.

Mr. Hanneken was born in Brussels, Calhoun county, Illinois, December 29, 1884. His father, Herman Hanneken, a native of Germany, was born July 2, 1848, and came to the United States in early life. For many years he was justice of the peace in Brussels, Calhoun county, and served as coroner of that county for a number of years, while for fifteen years prior to his death he was a member of the board of county commissioners. His official record is one over which there falls no shadow of wrong or suspicion of evil, for he was ever faithful to his duty and loyal in the performance of any task that devolved upon him. He died January 18, 1916, having for more than a quarter of a century survived his wife, who bore the maiden name of Elizabeth Brunedeis. She was born in Brussels, Illinois, December 31, 1859, and was called to her final rest January 9, 1890.

Albert H. Hanneken became a member of the Illinois bar in February, 1906, and throughout the intervening period he has practiced his profession, working his way steadily upward in a calling where advancement depends entirely upon individual merit and ability. Since attaining his majority he has been a well known supporter of democratic principles and has served as secretary of the democratic central committee of Lee county since 1914. In 1933 he was a candidate on the democratic ticket for the office of county judge but was defeated, although he carried Lee county by one hundred and sixty-eight votes. On the 19th of June, 1933, he was appointed by Judge Albert H. Manus to the office of court reporter. No one ever has occasion to question his allegiance to the democratic party and he is well known as one of its effective workers in Dixon.

ROBERT E. HARPER

In an enumeration of the federal officers of Illinois mention should be made of Robert E. Harper, who is the postmaster at Rock Falls, Whiteside county. Born in Ontario, Canada, on the 1st of June, 1869, he is a son of William and Maria (Eddy) Harper, the former a native of England and the latter of Glasgow, Scotland. William Harper brought his family to Illinois about 1870 and about 1878 established his home in Whiteside county, taking up his abode at Rock Falls, where he engaged in the bakery business for many years. In politics he was always a staunch democrat.

His son, Robert E. Harper, attended the public schools of Rock Falls and in young manhood took up the trade of iron moulding, which he followed for fifteen years. He then occupied the position of state fire marshal for four years under Governor Dunne and was chief of police of Rock Falls for two terms. He also served as railroad clerk for twelve years, and whether in office or in business, he has always been faithful to the duties and responsibilities entrusted to his care. On the 26th of August, 1933, he was appointed acting postmaster of Rock Falls, taking charge of the office on the 1st of September and receiving his commission on the 28th of April, 1934. He has now been the incumbent of the position for more than a year and his record is a creditable one.

In 1889 Mr. Harper was united in marriage to Miss Fannie Eberley and they are the parents of three children, namely: Le Roy; Louisa, living in Chicago; and Robert D.

Mr. Harper belongs to the Mystic Workers, to the Woodmen of the World and to the Brotherhood of Railway Clerks Union. He was a delegate from the last named to the convention at Dallas, Texas. For several terms he served as precinct committeeman. He served as chief of the Rock Falls fire depart-

ment for several years while connected with the railroad. He is interested in all that pertains to local progress and to the upbuilding of the state and his aid and cooperation can always be counted upon to further any measure or movement for the general good.

DAVID McCLUGAGE

David McClugage, one of the lawmakers of Illinois, possesses a notable record in this connection, having served continuously in the general assembly since 1920, as representative from the eighteenth district. Peoria numbers him among her most honored and valued residents and Illinois proudly claims him as a native son, his birth having occurred in Tremont, Tazewell county, on the 26th of August, 1880. He is a son of Robert and Anna (Rowland) McClugage, the former a native of Antrim, Ireland. The mother was born in Peoria, Illinois, a daughter of John and Margaret Rowland. Her father was born in Cardiff, Wales, became a millwright by trade and on coming to the United States established his home in Milwaukee, Wisconsin, while subsequently he removed to Peoria, where he not only followed his trade but also conducted a hotel on Harrison street, near the river, during the Civil war period. Robert McClugage, father of Representative McClugage, was a son of John and Margaret (Gardiner) McClugage, who came to Peoria county and settled on a farm on the Pottstown road, about six miles west of Peoria. Thus from an early period the family has been represented in this part of the state. To Robert and Anna (Rowland) McClugage were born eleven children, of whom nine are yet living, namely: Robert, Samuel, David and William, all residents of Peoria; Margaret, the wife of W. B. Steinbach, of Peoria; Minnie, the wife of J. L. Harney, of Peoria; Mrs. E. T. Corwin, who is living in Joliet, Illinois; Mrs. Jane Kiddoo, of New York City; and Dr. H. B. McClugage, of Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania, who is a well known chemist, having graduated from the University of Illinois and from Yale University, after which he became a professor at the University of Rochester, in Rochester, New York.

David McClugage pursued his education in the grade schools and the high school of Washington, Illinois, graduating in 1898. In early manhood he became a clerk in the Peoria law office of Quinn & Quinn and subsequently became identified with the police department, doing clerical work. He was also on the engineering force of the city and for several years was with the United States Government engineers. He spent a similar period with the United States internal revenue department and then became proprietor of a hotel in Peoria, which he conducted for a period of ten years. Afterward he engaged in the contracting business and thus in various ways became closely allied with the interests of the city.

Mr. McClugage was one of the organizers of the Peoria Social Athletic Club in 1900. He has served as precinct committeeman, as ward committeeman and as chairman of township, city and county committees. He was an officer of the democratic national conventions in Baltimore in 1912 and in St. Louis in 1916, and with one exception he has been a delegate to every state convention since attaining his majority. His interest in and devotion to the public welfare led the democratic party to nominate him for the state legislature in 1920 and this was followed by election. So excellent a record did he make during his first term's service that he was re-elected and at each succeeding biennial period he has been chosen for the office, in which he has now served for fourteen years—a longer period than any other who has represented the eighteenth district in the general assembly since Illinois became a state. The legislative records bear testimony to his devotion to the public welfare. He has sponsored many important measures that have been introduced into the house and he is unfaltering in his advocacy of any cause which he believes will be of true worth to the commonwealth.

In Masonry Mr. McClugage has attained the thirty-second degree of the



DAVID McCLUGAGE

Scottish Rite, belonging to the following bodies: Temple Lodge, No. 46, A. F. & A. M.; Peoria Chapter, R. A. M.; Peoria Council, R. & S. M.; Peoria Commandery, K. T.; Peoria Consistory, S. P. R. S.; Mohammed Temple, A. A. O. N. M. S., of Peoria; and Ansar Temple, A. A. O. N. M. S., of Springfield, of which he is an honorary member. He is likewise affiliated with Peoria Lodge No. 20 of the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks; Peoria Aerie No. 265 of the Fraternal Order of Eagles; Peoria Lodge of the Loyal Order of Moose; the Federal Employes Union No. 92 of Peoria; and Peoria Chapter of the Izaak Walton League. He has an extremely wide acquaintance among those who have been prominent in shaping the history of Illinois and in many ways he has left the impress of his individuality for good upon the annals of the commonwealth.

GEORGE H. VANNIER

In the death of George H. Vannier on January 8, 1934, Scott county, Illinois, lost one of its most beloved citizens, one who had, with the exception of five years just after his marriage, spent his entire life of over seventy years on the farm where he passed away, and one who became most favorably and widely known as a farmer, churchman, builder of roads, agricultural organizer, business man, and a loyal adherent of the democratic party.

George H. Vannier was born November 29, 1863, near Bluffs, Illinois, on the same homestead farm where he later spent his last hours. His parents were Henry and Anna (Middendorf) Vannier. George H. Vannier had little opportunity to obtain a thorough education, and that which he did have was obtained in the district schools. He was only fourteen years of age when his father died, and he was left with the management of the farm and the care of the family. With fine determination and courage he assumed the arduous task, and it is a matter of history that he made an outstanding success. He shaped his future life around the highest ideals, and he sought every channel of activity to be of benefit to the common welfare. As a farmer he was astute and possessed a keen knowledge of the science of agriculture. He was a churchman of the utmost sincerity, having become a communicant of the Lutheran Church in 1877, and remained a member the remainder of his life. He was a member of the building committee when the new church was constructed in 1901. Education was a subject of live interest to him, and he was a director of the school near his home for nearly twenty years. He was one of those who helped organize the Bluffs Community High School District, and likewise served on its board for several terms. Mr. Vannier served as commissioner to Road District No. 7 for several terms and resigned in 1913 to become county superintendent of highways in Scott county. He held this office for seven years, and then, as a state engineer, he supervised the construction of concrete state aid bridges in Scott county. While he was superintendent of highways, he took a prominent part in the Pike's Peak Ocean to Ocean Trail and it was largely due to his efforts that the route was laid down through Bluffs.

He was a staunch member of the democratic party throughout his life and for years was a member of the democratic central committee. He served as conservator and administrator for numerous estates, the largest of which, the Middendorf estate in New York city, he served without bond. He assisted in organizing and building the first telephone system in the Bluffs end of Scott county. He was one of those who organized the Scott County Farm Bureau, the Mutual Agriculture Insurance Company, and the County Life Insurance Company, of which latter he was one of the first board members. He was a director of the local bank from the time of its reorganization, and was generally considered a reliable authority on banking and financial problems.

On September 16, 1885, George H. Vannier was united in marriage with Johanna Hubbert, an old schoolmate of his, who was born in Scott county, September 28, 1861. To their union there were born eight children. Frank

and Archie died in infancy, and Nellie at the age of nine years. The surviving children are as follows: Mrs. Ina Krusa, Mrs. Lena Lovekamp, Mrs. Belle Merriman, Cora and Paul. Shortly after his marriage, Mr. Vannier lived one year in Kansas and four in Nebraska, but, as noted, the rest of his life was spent on the home farm. As a conclusion to this brief biography of George H. Vannier the following words compiled from those written by his intimate friends summarize well his character:

"He was a man of good judgment and took part in every enterprise for the good of the community generally—a leader and brother. His earnest and capable support of every activity for the benefit of others was always to be relied upon, and countless individuals sought and valued his advice in their personal affairs. His advice was always valuable, and his attitude always so sympathetic and understandable. In the passing of George H. Vannier the community has been deprived of one of the finest men it has ever known."

ROBERT L. MORRIS

Among the prominent pioneer families of Carroll county is numbered the Morris family, which has been represented here from early times and has always borne a very active part in the development and upbuilding of this section of the state. The family is represented in the present generation by Robert L. Morris, who was born in Lanark, July 19, 1905, and still makes his home here. He is a well known attorney and is serving as assistant attorney general of Illinois. His father, George R. Morris, was born near Lanark, June 6, 1868, and is a farmer living six miles south of the city. In politics he has always maintained an independent course. He married Amy Kenyon, who was born in Mount Carroll, Carroll county, January 22, 1872.

Their son, Robert L. Morris, was here reared and educated, being one of the alumni of the Lanark Community high school, from which he was graduated in 1923. He afterward attended Beloit College and received his Bachelor of Arts degree there in 1927, having majored in history, political science and economy. He prepared for the bar at Harvard, where he won his LL. B. degree in 1930 on the completion of a three years' course. In December of the same year he was admitted to practice and opened an office in Lanark in 1931. Here he has since followed his chosen calling and the start that he has made indicates a promising future, for he possesses the qualities requisite for able law practice, being industrious, ambitious and having an analytical mind.

On the 2d of March, 1932, Mr. Morris was united in marriage to Bernadine Cunningham, a native of Carroll county. He has been active in political affairs as a supporter of the democratic party since attaining his majority and in 1931 was elected a member of the senatorial committee and reelected in 1933. He was a candidate for state's attorney in 1932 and in February, 1933, was appointed assistant attorney general. He is now county attorney for the Home Owners Loan Corporation and he is doing excellent professional work both in and out of office. He was on the speakers' list in the campaigns of 1932 and 1934 and spoke throughout Carroll county. His political arguments are always clear and logical and his defense of his principles is convincing. He is a member of various fraternities, both social and legal, and is a member of the Carroll County Bar Association.

THOMAS FRANKLIN WALSH

Thomas Franklin Walsh, who is occupying the position of coach at the St. Teresa high school of Decatur, is a highly esteemed resident of Macon county. He was born here August 25, 1905, a son of Edward and Ella (Franklin) Walsh, and is of Irish lineage, his grandparents having come from Ireland in 1849. After living in the east a short time they traveled westward by way of the Erie canal and became residents of Macon county, Illinois, in 1851. The grandfather was employed by the Illinois Central System and afterward by

the Wabash Railway Company. In politics he gave staunch support to the democratic party. His son, Edward Walsh, was born in Maroa, Illinois, and after attaining his majority he married Ella Franklin, a native of Ramsey, Illinois, her father having settled in Fayette county, this state, in 1850. There Mr. Franklin engaged in farming as a life work and he always voted the democratic ticket. His daughter, Mrs. Walsh, has followed in his political footsteps and is an active party worker, especially since 1922. She is now vice chairman of the women's democratic organization of Macon county and belongs to the League of Women Voters, in which connection she has been very active in getting out the vote. Edward Walsh, too, has been untiring in his support of democratic principles and does everything in his power to promote democratic victories. His entire life has been devoted to railroad work and for forty-seven years he has been with the Illinois Central System.

Thomas F. Walsh, son of Edward and Ella (Franklin) Walsh, pursued his education in the public schools of Macon county until graduated from the high school of Decatur with the class of 1923. Subsequently he entered Millikin University, which he attended for a year, and then matriculated in the University of Notre Dame in Indiana, where he won his Bachelor of Science degree as a member of the graduating class of 1928. He afterward taught school at Dalton City and in 1932 he accepted the position of coach at the St. Teresa high school of Decatur, with which he has since been connected, doing excellent work in this position.

Even before attaining his majority Mr. Walsh became an active worker for the democratic party and in 1932 and again in 1934 he was elected a committeeman. In the same years he attended the state and judicial conventions and he has attended all local conventions. In 1934 he was a candidate for the nomination for state representative but was defeated at the primary. He belongs to the Jeffersonian Club, of which he is a charter member, and at all times he is accounted one of the most loyal advocates of democracy in Macon county. In the educational field he is making steady progress and in fact his entire life is actuated by a spirit of enterprise that leads to advancement.

HENRY J. ENGELS

For almost four decades Henry J. Engels has been recognized as one of the leading democrats of Jo Daviess county. He is an auditor, residing in Galena, and he is the secretary of the county democratic central committee. He never fails to respond to any call for aid from his party and in many positions he has rendered valuable assistance to the organization.

Mr. Engels was born in Galena, the county seat of Jo Daviess county, on the 8th of June, 1883, a son of Gottlieb and Mary (Brinkers) Engels, both of whom were natives of Germany, the former born July 4, 1836, and the latter in 1845. Mary (Brinkers) Engels came to the United States with her parents in 1851, the family settling in Galena, Illinois, where she resided until her death, which occurred in 1920. Gottlieb Engels arrived in the new world during the '50s and he, too, settled at Galena, where he followed shoemaking, a trade which he had learned in his native land. He was always a democrat from the time when he took out his naturalization papers and was an active party worker. Year after year he served as a delegate to the county conventions of his party. He belonged to the Roman Catholic Church and was a member of the German Catholic Central Verein. His death occurred in 1896. To him and his wife were born two children, the elder being John H., who is deputy state fire marshal and makes his home in Galena.

Henry J. Engels acquired his education in the public and parochial schools of Galena but when quite young started out to earn his own living. He was a youth of but thirteen years when he obtained the position of printer's devil on a German newspaper of his native city. He afterward devoted seventeen years of his life to work in the Barry Brothers dry-goods store of Galena, his long

connection with the business standing as unmistakable evidence of his loyalty to the interests which he represented. Subsequently he spent two years in the manufacture of soda water and in 1916 he entered the employ of the Interstate Light & Power Company, with which corporation he has since been connected, filling the position of auditor.

On the 23d of November, 1910, Mr. Engels was united in marriage to Miss Celia Heitkamp and they are the parents of four children, as follows: Lucile, Raymond, Joseph and Davis.

Mr. Engels has always voted the democratic ticket and has been a worker in the party in Jo Daviess county since 1896. For the past sixteen years he has served as a member of the county democratic central committee and has been secretary thereof for twelve years of this period, filling the position at the present time. He has also been chairman of the West Galena township democratic committee for the last twenty years and he has attended all of the county and judicial conventions. He closely studies the vital problems and is able to support his position by clear and intelligent argument. Mr. Engels belongs to the Roman Catholic Church and fraternally is identified with the Eagles. He has always lived in Jo Daviess county, where he has a wide acquaintance, his business and political activity making him well known, while the sterling worth of his character has gained him many warm friends.

JOHN L. ANHEUSER

In the business circles of O'Fallon, John L. Anheuser is well known as an automobile dealer and in political circles as a stalwart democrat. He was born in Summerfield, St. Clair county, Illinois, December 19, 1899, and is a son of Jacob and Elizabeth (Steuer) Anheuser, both of whom were natives of Germany. The father came to America when a young man of twenty-two years and devoted his life to mining in this state. After becoming a naturalized American citizen he gave stalwart allegiance to the democratic party.

At the usual age John L. Anheuser entered the public schools of his native town and passed through consecutive grades to the high school. When his textbooks were put aside he became a grocery clerk and in 1917 he attended Rahe's Automobile School in Kansas City, where he completed the regular course of instruction. He then became an auto mechanic in O'Fallon in the employ of Oliver C. Joseph and on the 12th of February, 1919, he entered the auto sales and service business on his own account as the senior partner in the firm of Anheuser & Ruth. They handled the Chevrolet car for a long period but are now selling the Dodge and Plymouth automobiles, and they have developed a business of gratifying proportions.

On the 14th of September, 1922, Mr. Anheuser was united in marriage to Miss Laurene Daniel, of O'Fallon, and they are the parents of a daughter, Dorothy. Mrs. Anheuser is a member of the Women's Democratic Club. Fraternally Mr. Anheuser is affiliated with the Knights of Columbus. He is a past president of the Rotary Club and a past president of the O'Fallon Business Men's Association, of which he is now the secretary. He organized and is president of the O'Fallon Playground League and he is a member of the board of directors of the O'Fallon Homecoming Association. In a word he is active in all civic affairs and takes a helpful interest in everything that pertains to the welfare and benefit of his community. In politics he has always been a democrat and is recognized as a party leader in O'Fallon. The honors and emoluments of office have little attraction for him, but he never wavers in his allegiance to party principles.

WILLIAM F. HOGAN

William F. Hogan, a deputy bank receiver, having jurisdiction over a number of banking institutions which have been in trouble during the depression period, makes his headquarters at Mount Carroll but resides at 526 Jackson avenue in Dixon. It was in the latter city that he was born June 4, 1874, a



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son of Michael and Catherine (Owen) Hogan, both of whom were natives of Ireland. The father left the Emerald isle and came to America about 1850, settling in Dixon, where he became a railroad worker. Subsequently he was employed as janitor of a public school for twenty years. His study of the political questions before the American public led him to give staunch support to the democratic party.

William F. Hogan attended the public schools of Dixon and in his boyhood days worked in a foundry, thus making his initial step in the business world. In the year in which he attained his majority he entered the employ of the Chicago & North Western Railway, with which he remained for seventeen years, gaining various promotions. He started as a brakeman, afterward served as switchman, was later a conductor and subsequently engine foreman, each position being earned by merit and by fidelity to the interests of the company which he represented. On the 1st of October, 1914, he was appointed postmaster of Dixon and served exactly nine years, retiring from the office on the 1st of October, 1923. He next turned his attention to the insurance business, in which he engaged for about four years, and later he became identified with the banking business in Dixon, where he continued until 1931, serving as assistant cashier of the Dixon Trust & Savings Bank, with which he remained until it sold out. This gave him valuable experience which now stands him in good stead, as he performs the duties of the position of deputy bank receiver.

Mr. Hogan has been active in democratic politics in Lee county for a long period and during the past fifteen years has served as a member of the Lee county democratic central committee having been made a precinct committeeman. He has worked earnestly and effectively for the party and always keeps in touch with the vital questions and issues of the day. In September, 1931, he was appointed receiver for the Lee State Bank at Lee, Illinois, and there remained for twenty-two months, resigning that position to become conservator of the First National Bank of Morrison, Illinois, with which he was thus associated for eight months. On the 1st of August, 1934, he was appointed deputy receiver for the First Carroll County State Bank of Mount Carroll, the Commercial State Bank of Savanna and the Shumway State Bank of Milledgeville. His duties and responsibilities are heavy, but his previous banking experience enables him to perform his work in a manner that is highly satisfactory to the institutions which he represents and to the general public.

On the 25th of December, 1899, Mr. Hogan was united in marriage to Miss Anna Fleming. They attend St. Patrick's Catholic Church of Dixon and Mr. Hogan belongs to the Knights of Columbus and to the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks. His business and political activity has brought him a wide acquaintance and those who know him speak of him as one who has always measured up to the highest standards of manhood and citizenship.

JOHN H. GRIGG

No history of the educational development of Montgomery county would be complete without mention of John H. Grigg, who has the distinction of being the only county superintendent of schools in this county who has been chosen to serve for a third term. He was born near the village of Woburn, Bond county, Illinois, and is a son of Jesse R. and Sarah (Rhea) Grigg. His grandparents in the paternal line were Jesse and Susanna (Taylor) Grigg, the former a native of North Carolina, as was his son, Jesse R. The grandfather came to Illinois in 1831, settling in Bond county, where he preempted a claim and made his home until his death. His son, Jesse R. Grigg, soon took up a farm near the old homestead and continued to carry on agricultural pursuits until his death in 1919. His wife had passed away in 1911, not far from the home in which she was reared. She was a daughter of Henry and Elizabeth

(Adams) Rhea. Mrs. Grigg was born in Macoupin county, Illinois, her parents having come to this state from Virginia, at which time they settled on a farm in Macoupin county, her father continuing to develop his land there until his death about 1855. His widow survived him until about 1883. In the family of Mr. and Mrs. Jesse R. Grigg were the following children: Susanna, the eldest, became the wife of Daniel Kimbro, a farmer of Bond county, and they had five children; Alfred U.; Sarah E.; Jesse D. R.; Amy I., and Kenneth K. George W., the second of the family, married Ella Brown of Bond county and they had a son, Wallace C., and one child who died in infancy. David G. Grigg married Sarah F. Grotts and their children are Minnie J., Ernest, Joseph, George W., Oliver, Jesse R., Daniel, Sadie, Maurice and Susanna. Ellen J. Grigg, the next of the family, married Charles Ross and their children are Lois, Odessa, and Luella.

The youthful experiences of John H. Grigg were those of the farm-bred boy who early became familiar with the work of the fields and the pleasures of the playground. About the time he attained his majority he began teaching school and this has been his life's profession. He adopted the practice, common at the time, of teaching part of the year and going to college the remaining part of the year. He thus continually broadened his knowledge and throughout life he has remained a reader and thinker, constantly adding thereby to his education. He now holds a state life supervisory certificate which only a few in Montgomery county possess. He has always held to high ideals in his profession and he has made his service of great practical value in promoting the educational standards and the educational activities of his pupils. His efficiency well entitles him to the honor that came to him in a third election as county superintendent of schools in Montgomery county. He was the first chosen for the office in 1922 for a four years' term and was twice reelected. He has served on various committees of the Illinois County Superintendents Association, was its vice president in 1930 and was elected to the presidency in 1931.

Mr. Grigg married Miss Anna Mae Tilden of Raymond, Illinois, a daughter of S. S. and Mary M. (Neil) Tilden, also of Raymond. Mr. and Mrs. Grigg have a family of two sons and a daughter, namely: John H., Jr., who married Agnes Bowles of Franklin, Indiana; George D.; and Trella T.

Mary M. Grigg became the wife of John W. Brown, a farmer of Bond county, and their children are: Melvin J., who married Bess Gordon, of Butler, Montgomery county, Illinois, and has two children, Gordon and Harold; Judge Jesse R. Brown, who married Elizabeth Miller, of Edwardsville, Illinois; William E., who married Ruth Neisler, of Montgomery county, this state; Lucy, who married Harry Vancil, of Morrisonville, Illinois, and has one child, Harry, Jr.; Frank R. Brown, who is married; Clarence Brown, who married Mary Louise Britt, of St. Louis, Missouri; Walter Brown, who married Alma Brooks and has two sons; Olive A., who married B. C. Killen and has two sons, Bernard and Valmi; Lucy, who married Ira J. Cissna, of Coffeen, Montgomery county, Illinois, now living in San Diego, California, their children being Mrs. Anjel Rector and a son who resides in Long Beach, California.

John H. Grigg belongs to Mount Moriah Lodge, No. 51, A. F. & A. M.; Hillsboro Chapter, No. 197, R. A. M.; St. Omer Commandery, No. 30, K. T., of Litchfield; Hermon Chapter, No. 95, O. E. S., and Aimad Temple of the Mystic Shrine in East St. Louis. He also has membership relations with Montgomery Lodge, No. 40, I. O. O. F., and Forest Lodge, No. 1377, L. O. O. M. and his family are members of the Presbyterian Church, in the work of which they take an active and helpful interest, Mr. Grigg serving as one of the deacons. His great interest is in visiting the schools and he has contacted probably seventy-five thousand or more school children and perhaps ten thousand teachers. His interest in his profession and its possibilities is always an inspiration to those with whom he is associated and his life work has been a beneficent one of far-reaching influence.

HUBERT W. DARBY

Hubert W. Darby, who is serving as postmaster at Tampico, Whiteside county, was born in Sterling, Illinois, May 16, 1898, a son of Charles J. and Mary (Davis) Darby. The father has been a staunch democrat throughout his entire life and has lived in Tampico since 1903, there engaging in business as a tailor.

Hubert W. Darby attended the public schools of Tampico and spent three years as a high school pupil. Since starting in business on his own account he has engaged in the sale of automobiles and in the conduct of a garage, and his close application and indefatigable energy have been the sources of his success.

On the 16th of June, 1934, Mr. Darby was united in marriage to Miss Florence Stienke. Mr. and Mrs. Darby belong to the Catholic church, and his political belief is that of the democratic party, to which he has loyally adhered since age conferred upon him the right of franchise. He was a delegate to the judicial conventions at Dixon which nominated Justice Shaw for the supreme bench. In fact he has been an active party worker for ten or twelve years, doing everything in his power to advance the interests of the organization. On the 2d of February, 1934, he was appointed acting postmaster of Tampico and received his commission on the 6th of June. His record in office is thoroughly satisfactory to the general public and reflects credit upon the party which he represents.

SAMUEL J. SCHUMAN

Samuel J. Schuman, Astoria's postmaster and a consistently active worker in democratic circles in Fulton county, was born August 6, 1871, about five miles south of the town in which he now resides, his parents being George and Anna Barbara (Baer) Schuman, both of whom were natives of Germany. Coming to the new world, they settled in Fulton county, Illinois, in 1853 and spent their remaining days in Fulton and Schuyler counties. It was in 1866 that they established their home in Schuyler county and there the father continued in farming, having devoted practically his entire life to agricultural pursuits. He was an earnest believer in democratic principles and his wife was equally staunch as a supporter of the party, always voting after woman suffrage was granted. They were industrious people and lovers of home, and their sterling character worth gained for them the respect and goodwill of all who knew them.

Samuel J. Schuman pursued his education in a school near his father's home and in 1892 he became connected with coal mining, coaling for the Chicago, Burlington & Quincy Railroad. He was also a railroad section hand at one time but on the 8th of August, 1893, he began farming on his own account and gave his attention to the work of tilling the soil and harvesting the crops until January, 1934, when he became postmaster of Astoria. He still owns his fine farm, which is a valuable tract of land situated a mile and a quarter from Astoria, and thereon he has raised both grain and live stock. His farming interests have been conducted in a very progressive manner and his labors have been attended with merited success.

On the 25th of December, 1892, Mr. Schuman was married to Miss Mary A. Pettigrew, of Browning, Illinois, and they have had a family of six children: Miner M., a resident of Astoria; Melvin D., who is deceased; Fred, living in Los Angeles, California; Eileen, of Browning, Illinois; Marie, who resides in Astoria; and Marshall, at home.

Mr. Schuman was reared in the faith of the Lutheran Church, to which his parents belonged. He has served as school director of District No. 182 for eighteen years and has done everything in his power to further the interests of education in this community. Fraternally he is connected with the Modern Woodmen of America, is an active member of the Knights of Pythias and was formerly identified with the Fraternal Order of Eagles. He is very proud of the fact that he has been on the firing line of the democratic party since 1892.

has attended many of its conventions and for many years was a member of the executive committee. For nine years he filled the office of township assessor and was re-elected in 1933 but resigned in order to become postmaster of Astoria, in which capacity he is now rendering capable service to the public. For twenty-two years he belonged to the democratic county committee and for six years was its chairman, during which time he intelligently directed party activities in this section of the state.

SAMUEL M. FRIEDLANDER

Samuel M. Friedlander, the present city attorney of Peoria, enjoying an enviable reputation for efficiency and fidelity in office, was born in this city on December 13, 1904, his parents being Max and Sarah (Karman) Friedlander, both of whom are natives of Koenigsberg, Germany. The father came to America when a lad of ten years and for a time resided in Chicago, where his brother Morris had settled about 1884. He was still a youth when in 1893 he came to Peoria, where he made his home with his sister, Mrs. Anna Block, wife of Harry Block, both now deceased. About 1898 he here entered the cigar and tobacco business, which he has continuously followed, and he now conducts a wholesale enterprise in which he has won substantial success. His wife came to the new world when about twenty-one years of age, with a sister-in-law, and they were married in Chicago in November, 1903. They became the parents of three children: Samuel M., Gertrude and Elizabeth. Max Friedlander, the father, has always been a democrat, to which party his wife, his son and his daughters have also given their political support.

Samuel M. Friedlander acquired his education in the grade schools of Peoria and in the Central high school, graduating in June, 1923. He then entered the University of Illinois as a law student. On the completion of his course in 1930 he was accorded the LL. B. degree and began practice in his native city in association with Judge Glen J. Cameron, with whom he has since been identified. He has made steady progress in his chosen calling and is regarded as one of the rising young lawyers of the Peoria bar. In 1932 he was appointed city attorney by Mayor Ahrends and was reappointed in May, 1933, by Mayor O'Brien. He is a member of the Peoria Bar Association and he likewise belongs to B'nai B'rith and to the University Club of Peoria. A stalwart democrat, he has been active in campaign work and has labored effectively for party good, while his expressed political opinions are based upon a thorough understanding of the questions and issues of the day. During the 1932 campaign he delivered many political addresses and has taken an active part in various campaigns as a public speaker. He belongs to the Tau Epsilon Phi and was a chancellor thereof in 1928-29, during which time he took an active part in national affairs. He has membership in the Peoria Association of Commerce and is interested in everything that has to do with municipal progress and civic upbuilding. His recreations are found in fishing and golf and he is enthusiastic over all athletic sports.

CHARLES J. McGUIRE, JR.

Well known among the younger citizens of McHenry county who are supporting the democratic party is Charles J. McGuire, Jr., an enterprising farmer, who is now serving as highway maintenance patrolman. He was born in Hartland township, this county, May 13, 1907, a son of Mr. and Mrs. Charles J. McGuire. The father was also born in Hartland township, his natal year being 1864. Throughout his active life Charles J. McGuire, Sr., has followed farming in McHenry county and for the last thirty years has devoted his attention to agricultural pursuits in Hartland township. He, too, votes the democratic ticket, having long been a staunch supporter of the party.

Charles J. McGuire, Jr., attended the public schools of Hartland township and worked on the home farm with his father until appointed highway main-



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tenance patrolman for District 121 on the 31st of May, 1934. As a farmer he developed habits of diligence and reliability and these same qualities are proving of worth in his service as patrolman.

In January, 1932, Mr. McGuire was united in marriage to Mary Fuchs and they have two sons, Charles J. (III) and Eugene Edward. The parents attend St. Patrick's Catholic Church. Mr. McGuire follows in the political footsteps of his father and has taken an active part in local democratic affairs since he was old enough to vote.

J. DONALD COTTER

Stockton's postmaster, J. Donald Cotter, has occupied his present position since the 11th of July, 1933. He has been a stalwart supporter of the democratic party since old enough to vote and has worked earnestly and effectively for the upbuilding of the party organization.

Mr. Cotter is a native of Dubuque, Iowa. He was born August 17, 1906, a son of William L. and Margaret (Ryan) Cotter. The father's birth occurred in Poughkeepsie, New York, August 28, 1872, and the mother was born in Whitewater, Wisconsin. William L. Cotter came to Stockton, Illinois, from Dubuque, Iowa, about 1914 and is now employed by the Chicago Great Western Railroad Company. He continued to make his home in Stockton until 1932, when he removed to Chicago, where he is now living. He is a member of the Catholic Church and fraternally is affiliated with the Knights of Columbus and the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks. In politics he gives staunch support to the democratic party.

J. Donald Cotter attended the public and parochial schools of Stockton and was graduated from the high school with the class of 1924. He then worked for the Chicago Great Western Railroad Company for about three years, acting as chief clerk to the yard master, at the end of which time he resigned his position. He entered the Worsham College of Embalming in 1929 and was subsequently graduated from this school in Chicago. In 1929 he established an undertaking business which he conducts under the name of the Cotter Funeral Service. He has been accorded a liberal patronage, for he is always tactful in the performance of the delicate duties that devolve upon him in this connection.

On the 26th of December, 1931, Mr. Cotter was united in marriage to Miss Gladys Rowe, of Kansas City, Missouri, and they are the parents of two daughters, Donna Marie and Colleen Ann. They adhere to the faith of the Catholic Church and Mr. Cotter also belongs to the Knights of Columbus. He has been taking an active and helpful interest in democratic politics since attaining his majority and was a most earnest worker for the organization in the campaign of 1932. He was formerly secretary and treasurer of the Young People's Democratic Club. On the 11th of July, 1933, he was appointed acting postmaster of Stockton and was commissioned on the 18th of June, 1934, so that he is the present incumbent in the office. This came as a merited recognition of his loyalty to the party and he is well qualified to perform the duties of the office.

WILLIAM C. WHALEN

William C. Whalen, a member of one of the old families of Peoria, is a prominent figure in the councils of the democratic party in this city, where his long residence has made him well known. He was born in Peoria, January 11, 1894, a son of William T. and Margaret (Finn) Whalen. Both the Whalen and Finn families settled in Peoria in pioneer times, and the mother of William C. Whalen was born in this city, where William T. Whalen was for twenty-seven years a member of the fire department. Their family numbered twelve children, eight of whom are living, as follows: Thomas J., William C., Francis L., John M., Anna H., Loretta, Elizabeth and Helen. Both Francis L. and William C.

Whalen served with the military forces of the United States Army in the World war.

William C. Whalen was educated in St. Patrick's parochial school. He afterward learned the trade of bricklaying and followed it for twenty-three years. He is now a member of the Bricklayers' Union. In June, 1917, he entered the service of his country, enrolling as a soldier in Peoria, and was trained at Camp Mills, Macon, Georgia. He went overseas with Company I of the One Hundred and Fourteenth Infantry, Thirty-first Division, as a first-class private and was mustered out at Camp Grant. He spent eight months on active duty in France and his military record is a most commendable one. He now belongs to Peoria Post No. 2 of the American Legion and to the Veterans of Foreign Wars.

In early manhood Mr. Whalen was united in marriage to Miss Pearl Hurley, a native of Peoria, Illinois, and a daughter of Michael and Catherine (Driscoll) Hurley. Mr. and Mrs. Whalen have two sons, James Edward and John R. Fraternally Mr. Whalen is affiliated with the Knights of Columbus. His political record covers service as precinct committeeman of the sixth precinct of the sixth ward of Peoria before being elected alderman of the city. He has worked diligently for the public good and is a supporter of all projects that tend to advance municipal welfare.

MARTHA G. BAILY

Martha G. Baily, postmaster at Table Grove, has spent her entire life in Fulton county, her birth having occurred about two miles south of the town in which she now lives. She is a daughter of Alexander and Katherine (Perry) Baily, who were also born in the vicinity of Table Grove. Her father's people came from Virginia and settled on the land which became the old family homestead and on which Miss Baily was born, their land grant being received from President Van Buren. The tract, widely known as the Baily Farm, is still in possession of the family. Upon this place her father was born, lived and died, and all of his children were born there also. James Baily, a brother of Alexander Baily, enlisted for service as a Union soldier in the Civil war and was killed at the battle of Kenesaw Mountain. The Perry family was also established in Fulton county in pioneer times, Asaph Perry, the father of Katherine (Perry) Baily, having settled two miles north of Table Grove. At one time he served as sheriff of Fulton county and was otherwise active and prominent in the public life of the community. The paternal grandfather of Miss Baily was treasurer of Fulton county, and her father was an active democrat, prominent in party affairs in this section of the state. He died in the year 1928 and in his passing the community lost a well known and representative citizen.

Martha G. Baily was educated in the country schools, the Table Grove high school and in Lombard College at Galesburg, now a part of Knox College. For many years she has been a substitute rural mail carrier at Table Grove and she has served as clerk of the local election board for many years. She became acting postmaster in August, 1933, and received her commission for the office on the 31st of March, 1934. She has always lived in this community, where she has a very wide acquaintance and where her friends are many. Like her ancestors on both sides, she is loyal to the principles of democracy and exercises her right of franchise in support of the candidates of the party.

F. M. GUTHRIE

F. M. Guthrie, a resident of Farmington who is filling the position of state mine inspector, was born in Mercer county, Illinois, in 1872, and is of Scotch lineage, his parents, William and Catherine (McRae) Guthrie, having been natives of the land of hills and heather. In the '60's they crossed the Atlantic to the new world and settled in Illinois. In Scotland, William Guthrie had learned and followed the moulder's trade, but in this state he became a coal miner and farmer. His study of American politics also led him to give stalwart support to the democratic party.

F. M. Guthrie spent his boyhood and youth in the usual manner of the lads of the period, acquiring a public school education and enjoying the pleasures of the playground as opportunity offered. At the age of twenty-two years he assumed the responsibilities of office by becoming collector of Greene township, Mercer county. Later he was made organizer for the United Mine Workers, the district headquarters being at Canton. At this time Mr. Guthrie became a resident of Farmington, where he has lived for the past twenty-two years. In 1906 he was made a mine superintendent for the Big Creek Coal Company of Cuba, Illinois, and for three years was general manager of the Spoon River Coal Company at Galesburg. For seventeen years he occupied the responsible position of general superintendent for the Silver Creek mines at Farmington and Edwards. In February, 1934, he was appointed state mine inspector, having charge over nine counties and still making his home in Farmington.

In December, 1905, Mr. Guthrie was married to Miss Ethel Robinson, of Galesburg, Illinois, and they have become parents of three sons and a daughter: Ethel, now twenty-four years of age; Bill, aged twenty-two, who attended the Citizens Military Training Camps for two seasons; F. M., Jr., twenty years of age; and Edward, a youth of fifteen. Bill Guthrie, like his father, has become actively interested in politics, was made a justice of the peace at twenty-one years of age and is now making a most creditable record in Farmington. The religious faith of the family is that of the Baptist Church, in which Mr. Guthrie holds membership. He also belongs to the Masonic fraternity and is ever loyal to any cause which he espouses. He is optimistic over the future of democracy and believes in the ultimate triumph of its principles, for he feels that therein are contained the best elements of good government.

JOHN CHESTER GENTRY

John Chester Gentry, of Sheffield, who is serving as highway patrolman, was born in Pike county, Illinois, in 1893, a son of Albert P. and Zephie (Durbine) Gentry, who were also natives of the same county but have now passed away. The last twenty-five years of their lives were spent in this part of the state. The father was a blacksmith by trade and followed that pursuit largely in Peoria county. He, too, was an active democrat and he served as tax collector and in other official positions. His parents were from North Carolina and were members of an old democratic family that settled in Pike county in an early day. All of the representatives of the name closely adhered to the democratic faith.

John C. Gentry was educated in the schools of Peoria county and early took a keen interest in sports. He was a ball player for five years and played in the Central Association for Kewanee. In 1916, at Sheffield, he was united in marriage to Miss Mary Bohart and they have one son, Chester Bohart Gentry. For the past twenty-one years Mr. Gentry has lived in Sheffield, where he is widely known. He engaged in the garage business for a time and also in the dredging business. On the 1st of February, 1933, he became highway patrolman, taking the office just before the big snow, which all road men well remember. He has been an active worker for the democratic party, doing everything in his power to promote its growth and secure its success, thus holding to the course followed by its ancestors, and he is well known as a substantial citizen of Bureau county.

JOHN A. PETERS

John A. Peters, postmaster at Mason City, where he was born July 9, 1892, and where he is most widely and favorably known, is a son of Thomas and Catherine Peters, who were natives of Ireland and of Illinois, respectively. Coming to the new world, the father established his home in Mason county, where he followed the occupation of farming. His study of political questions and issues in this land led him to become an active democrat and for eight

terms of four years each he served as justice of the peace in Mason City. He died about eighteen years ago and in his passing the community lost one of its faithful and representative men.

The public school system of Mason City accorded John A. Peters his educational opportunities. On attaining his majority he was made a justice of the peace and acceptably filled the office for two terms. He then became associated with a local grain brokerage company, being manager of the branch at Mason City of E. L. Feehery and Company of Chicago, which connection was maintained until 1934. On the 7th of May of this year he was appointed acting postmaster of Mason City and is the present incumbent, being commissioned on June 6, 1934. He brings to bear in the discharge of his duties the same businesslike qualities which have always characterized his work and his administration of the office is proving very acceptable. Mr. Peters was also one of the organizers of the Mason County Fair Association and acted as its secretary for a year.

In 1914 Mr. Peters was married to Miss Winnie Petrie, of Mason City, and they have a daughter, Eileen. In religious faith he is a Presbyterian, while his wife belongs to the Methodist Episcopal Church and his daughter has membership in the Lutheran Church. Fraternally he is a Mason, having advanced through the Consistory and Shrine, and is a member of the Mason City Rotary Club. He is ever loyal to any cause which he espouses.

MRS. MAUDE YOUART

Mrs. Maude Youart, who was appointed postmaster of Thebes in November, 1933, is a native of Forrest, Livingston county, Illinois. Her father, G. B. Isler, was born in Iroquois county, Illinois, September 9, 1865, and throughout his active business life was a railroad man but is now living retired, enjoying a well earned rest. He is a representative of an old Virginian family, all of whom have been supporters of the democratic party and, like his ancestors, he has always voted with that political organization. He has taken an active part in its support but has never been an office seeker. He married Sarah E. Brown, a native of Indiana and a daughter of Solomon Brown.

Maude Isler was educated in the public schools of Vermilion county and in the Southern Illinois State Teachers College of Carbondale, which she attended for about two years. She then came to Thebes as a teacher and remained here for thirteen years as agent for the Missouri Pacific Railway Company. On the 28th of July, 1920, she became the wife of D. G. Youart, who for many years was a telegraph operator for the Bridge Line at Thebes. Many of the Youart family are active democrats living near La Fayette, Indiana. Mr. Youart, however, gave his political allegiance to the republican party for a number of years but is now a democrat. Mrs. Youart cast her first presidential vote for Woodrow Wilson at the time of his second election, and she gives the same loyal support to the party that characterizes her connection with any project or organization with which she becomes identified. Mr. Youart has attained high rank in Masonry, having taken the thirty-second degree in the Scottish Rite. Mrs. Youart is a member of the Baptist Church and is very active in the Federation of Women's Clubs. She is also interested in amateur dramatics and has written several plays for local organizations which have been well presented and splendidly received. Her cooperation can always be counted upon to further projects for the general good and she has a wide and favorable acquaintance in Alexander county.

PAUL THERIEN

Paul Therien, a stalwart democrat who for fifteen years has been county committeeman in Kankakee county, makes his home in Momence, his native city. He was born March 6, 1894, a son of Charles and Ella (Boudreau) Therien. He completed his education by study through three terms in the



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high school and in 1912 he was employed in the local yards of the Chicago & Eastern Illinois Railway Company. Working his way upward, he soon became conductor and held that important and responsible position for sixteen years. He then assumed management of a service station, which he now operates, and in this connection he has built up a substantial business.

On the 2d of December, 1915, in Kankakee, Illinois, Mr. Therien was united in marriage to Miss Norma Sorenson and they are the parents of three children: Norma Jean, Paul, Jr., and Charles W.

Mr. Therien belongs to the Brotherhood of Railroad Trainmen. He has always voted the democratic ticket, belongs to the Young Men's Democratic Club of Moline and has long been an active and ardent worker for the party. That he is a recognized leader in democratic circles in Kankakee county is shown by the fact that he has served on the county central committee for fifteen years and has been most active in directing the work of the party and shaping its policies. He has attended many state and county conventions and is widely and favorably known in democratic circles throughout Illinois.

GEORGE JOHN WESTERMAN

George John Westerman is most efficiently discharging the duties devolving upon him as manager of the commissary of the Elgin State Hospital at 750 South State street, Elgin. He was born in this city, February 22, 1888, his parents being Peter and Anna Westerman, both of whom are still living. While spending his youthful days under the parental roof he attended the public and parochial schools of Elgin, and after starting out in life to provide for his own support was employed in the factory of the Elgin National Watch Company for four years. He later established a grocery business on his own account and conducted it successfully for ten years. On the expiration of that period he became manager of the commissary of the Elgin State Hospital, taking up the work May 27, 1933. He has since filled the position in a manner satisfactory to the public and creditable to himself.

On the 22d of October, 1924, Mr. Westerman was united in marriage to Miss Margaret Costello and they are the parents of two children, Mary Margaret and Eugene Francis. Mr. Westerman is a communicant of St. Laurence Catholic Church and belongs to the Knights of Columbus and the Foresters. Voting always with the democratic party since reaching the age of twenty-one, he has served for six years as precinct committeeman, being still the incumbent in the position, and has been a delegate to state and congressional conventions. His interest in the success of the party is that of a public-spirited citizen.

JAMES R. MACK

James R. Mack, a resident of Libertyville, who is now serving as township supervisor and is an active democrat for his community, was born in McHenry county, Illinois, November 26, 1863. His father was Elder J. R. Mack, who was an elder of the Universalist Church and was always known by that title. He married Henrietta Goff and both passed away many years ago. The father was an active supporter of the democratic party in McHenry county and on one occasion was a candidate on the state ticket with Stephen A. Douglas. In tracing the ancestry of James R. Mack it is learned that Abner Mack, his grandfather in the paternal line, served as a major in the War of 1812. He came to Illinois from the east in the '40s and settled at Spring Grove, remaining a resident of this state until his death, which occurred soon after the national campaign of 1881. In this state he reared his family, and his son, Elder J. R. Mack, became closely identified with the development of Spring Grove, where he owned and operated a grist mill. Elder Mack died and is buried in McHenry county.

James R. Mack was educated in the district schools of McHenry county and at the death of his father became the responsible head of the family, although he was then quite young. He followed the occupation of farming

for a time or until he was about twenty-four years of age. He was afterward employed at the Elgin State Hospital for nine years and in 1888 he became a railroad carpenter, following that pursuit for four years. It was when he took up that line of work that he removed to Libertyville. Subsequently he was employed by the Insull organization for a time. On the 14th of April, 1933, he was elected supervisor of Libertyville township and has since filled this office. He has always been an earnest democrat and an active party worker, and his efforts are intelligently directed for the support of the county organization.

In 1894 Mr. Mack was united in marriage to Miss Margaret Lannon and they are the parents of a daughter, Mrs. Winifred Hapke. In his religious belief Mr. Mack is of the Universalist faith. Fraternally, he has been well known in Modern Woodmen circles since 1887, when he joined the order, in which he has since taken an active and helpful interest, serving as banker thereof for the past twelve or fourteen years. This has brought him a wide acquaintance, which has also broadened through his business and political connections, so that he is well known in Lake county, where he has an extensive circle of warm friends.

PETER E. McDONALD

Peter E. McDonald, master in chancery in Freeport, Stephenson county, Illinois, and an attorney of high repute, belongs to that group of democrats who have by their sincere efforts placed the party in its ascendancy in recent years. Mr. McDonald was born on a farm near Apple River, Jo Daviess county, Illinois, and is a son of Bartholomew and Bridgett (Malone) McDonald, both of whom were born in old Ireland. The father, who died when a comparatively young man, was a farmer in Jo Daviess county and was a loyal supporter of the democratic party. The widowed mother reared the three children, who besides Peter E. are Mary and John J., both of whom are now deceased.

Peter E. McDonald first studied in the rural schools of Jo Daviess county, then taught in the rural schools for several years. While he was teaching he was also attending school during the summers and in some instances through the whole year. He attended the Northern Illinois Normal at Dixon and graduated from the German Methodist College at Galena. He took up his legal studies at the University of Michigan and from this institution received his law degree in 1894. He was admitted to the Illinois state bar during the same year and started practice in Freeport in October. He has continued since, in general practice, and has built up a clientele worthy of the ability he has manifested in many important cases of litigation. He was appointed master of chancery in Stephenson county in 1933 by the three judges of the fifteenth circuit.

In 1930 Mr. McDonald was married to Miss Edith Hoyman, who is the daughter of Henry and Alice (Smelzer) Hoyman, both of whom were born in Stephenson county, their parents having been of the very earliest pioneers in Illinois. His religion is that of the Roman Catholic Church, and he is a member of the Knights of Columbus and the Benevolent Protective Order of Elks. He has earned a reputation to be envied in his home county, and has gained the respect of his contemporary lawyers by virtue of his adherence to the ethics of the profession in which he is engaged. He is a member of the Stephenson County and Illinois Bar Association.

FRANK LANGLOIS

Having been a lifelong supporter of the democratic party, Frank Langlois of Sycamore certainly deserves mention in the history of the Illinois Democracy. He was here born October 10, 1879, a son of Frank and Julia (Cusson) Langlois, who were natives of Canada and of France, respectively. The father crossed the border into the United States in the year 1864.

In the grade schools of Sycamore, Frank Langlois, Jr., pursued his education until he entered the academy at Wheaton, Illinois, there graduating with the class of 1902. He took up the study of law in the office of Casner & Dunton at Sycamore and was admitted to the bar in October, 1904. He is now engaged in the business of buying tax liens and is a well known representative of financial interests in De Kalb county. Mr. Langlois belongs to the Episcopal Church and he has always voted with the democratic party, of which he is a stalwart advocate. He is interested in all that has to do with the welfare of society at large and he gives his active support to every plan or project for the upbuilding and benefit of the community.

EDWARD F. RIELY

Edward F. Riely, a leading attorney of Minonk, Woodford county, has served as chairman of the democratic county central committee during the past decade. He was born in Minonk, Illinois, September 29, 1894, his parents being James A. and Addie (Berry) Riely, also natives of this state. James A. Riely, who was successfully engaged in law practice in Minonk for many years, served as city attorney and also held the office of states attorney in Woodford county. Long an active leader in the local ranks of the democratic party, he was chairman of the county central committee for some time. His death in 1916 was the occasion of deep and widespread regret.

Edward F. Riely acquired his early education in the public schools of Minonk and subsequently entered St. Viator College at Bourbonnais, Illinois, of which he is a graduate. His professional training was received in the law department of the University of Notre Dame in Indiana, which conferred upon him the degree of LL.B. in 1915. The same year he was admitted to the Illinois bar and began the practice of law in Minonk as an associate of his father. When this country became involved in the World war he enlisted in the United States Army and was stationed at Columbus Barracks in Ohio until discharged in December, 1918. Thereafter he resumed the work of his chosen profession in Minonk, where he has continued in law practice to the present time and has built up an extensive and remunerative clientele. He is a member of both the Woodford County Bar Association and the Illinois State Bar Association.

On the 11th of June, 1929, Mr. Riely was united in marriage to Miss Lucile Wiltz, of Minonk, Illinois, and they are the parents of four children, Patricia Ann, James Andrew, Robert E., and Barbara.

An active supporter of the democratic party since attaining his majority, Mr. Riely has been a member of the county central committee for twelve years and its chairman for the past ten years. He has been a delegate to several state conventions of his party and was twice a candidate for the office of states attorney. He is now assistant transportation rate expert for the Illinois Commerce Commission. He has served as adjutant and also as commander of Minonk Post of the American Legion and fraternally is affiliated with the Knights of Columbus. In all the relations of life he has proved well worthy of the respect and confidence which are uniformly accorded him and he has a large circle of warm and loyal friends.

JOHN E. GARRETT

John E. Garrett, mayor of Dwight, Illinois, from 1925 to 1933, has been a member of the Livingston county democratic committee for nearly two decades. He was born in Cooper county, Missouri, September 25, 1875, his parents being Samuel P. and Mary Susan (Woods) Garrett, natives of Virginia. The father, who removed to Missouri prior to the Civil war, followed farming as a life work and gave his political allegiance to the democratic party.

John E. Garrett acquired his education in the district schools of his native county and devoted his attention to farming pursuits for a brief period. In young manhood he entered the service of the Chicago & Alton Railroad Com-

pany as a brakeman and in 1899 was transferred to Bloomington, Illinois. A year later he was promoted to conductor, in which capacity he continued with the railroad until his retirement in 1915. He is a member of the Order of Railway Conductors.

It was in 1901 that Mr. Garrett became a resident of Dwight, Illinois, where he has remained continuously to the present time. He owns a fine farm adjoining the city. Elected mayor of Dwight, he held the office for eight consecutive years, from 1925 to 1933, and gave the city a most progressive and economical administration. Under his regime the waterworks was entirely rebuilt; a bond issue of twenty thousand dollars was carried by a unanimous city vote, and these bonds have been met by the returns from the water system. Mayor Garrett also established a fire company, purchased two new engines and improved the water system by an expenditure of twenty-five thousand dollars from the profits derived therefrom. He has been a member of the Livingston county democratic committee since 1915 and has attended all state conventions of his party, frequently going as a delegate. In 1932 he was a visitor to the democratic national convention in Chicago.

In 1906 Mr. Garrett was united in marriage to Miss Florence V. Johnson, who was born and reared on the site of their present home in Dwight. Mrs. Garrett is first reader of the Christian Science Church of Dwight. Mr. Garrett has been actively identified with the Knights of Pythias since attaining his majority, is a past chancellor of the fraternity, also a member of the grand lodge of the state and representative from his district. His has been an upright and honorable life in every relation and all who know him entertain for him the warmest regard and highest esteem.

ORVILLE W. LYERLA

A progressive spirit and laudable ambition have enabled Orville W. Lyerla to develop a substantial business which he conducts, with general offices in Herrin, under the name of the Pioneer Sales Corporation. In 1928 he bought the franchise for Frigidaire sales in southern Illinois in a district comprising nine counties and in this territory conducts fifteen stores. It is characteristic of him that whatever he attempts he carries forward to successful completion and in his vocabulary there is no such word as fail. His life record is therefore an interesting one.

Mr. Lyerla is yet a young man, for he was born in Creal Springs, Williamson county, Illinois, August 30, 1892. His grandfather in the paternal line was Adam Lyerla, who was born in Union county, Illinois, in 1837 and is still living. He is a veteran of the Civil war who went to the front, where he remained throughout the entire period of hostilities, and he did not see one of his sons until the child was five years of age. He has always voted with the democratic party, casting his ballot for every one of its presidential nominees, beginning with Buchanan, except at the time when Lincoln made his second race for the presidency. He has always followed farming as his life work, as has his son, L. W. Lyerla, who was born at Alto Pass, Union county, Illinois, August 12, 1867. The latter married Martha E. Donaldson, who was born in Williamson county in 1869, a daughter of W. M. Donaldson, whose birth occurred in 1843 and who took up the occupation of farming as a life work. He became a supporter of the democratic party on attaining his majority and when the military conflict broke out between the north and the south he joined the Union Army, valiantly defending the stars and stripes.

Orville W. Lyerla mastered the work of the grades and of the high school at Creal Springs and next entered the Southern Illinois State Teachers College at Carbondale, from which he was graduated in 1912. Later he was for two years a student in the Gem City Business College at Quincy, Illinois, and taking up the profession of teaching, secured the position of principal of the schools of Herrin, where he remained from 1914 until 1917. During the World war he



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was registered but was not called for active military duty. His business record is one of constant advancement, owing to the wise use that he has made of his talents and opportunities. In 1918 he became cashier of the Herrin State Bank, in which position he continued until 1930. In the meantime, in 1928, he had acquired the right to handle the Frigidaire refrigerating machine in nine counties of southern Illinois and has put these upon the market under the name of the Pioneer States Corporation through the agency of fifteen stores which are advantageously located. He is constantly reaching out along broadening lines of usefulness and of prosperity, and his labors have also been an element in the growth and advancement of the communities in which he has operated. In 1920, associated with John Marlow, he built the Lynar Hotel in Herrin, which is one of the finest in southern Illinois and is still being successfully conducted.

Mr. Lyerla was married February 22, 1917, to Maybelle Jones, a native of Williamson county and a representative of an old Tennessee family. Her father, Ewell Jones, was a farmer and stock trader, and the political belief of the family has always been that of the democratic party. Mrs. Lyerla attended the Southern Illinois State Teachers College at intervals while engaged in teaching. She, too, votes with the democratic party and is thus in perfect political accord with her husband. Mr. Lyerla has served as township trustee and as school trustee, but his business affairs make full demand upon his time and energies. However, he is identified with many movements which are direct beneficial factors in good government and in public progress. Since 1924 he has been a member of the Chamber of Commerce and he belongs to the Rotary Club, of which he has twice been president. In Masonry he is a Shriner and he also belongs to the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks. He has been president of the local bankers' association and twice has been president of the Southern Illinois group of the Building and Loan League. He has membership in the National River and Harbor Congress and is an interested and recognized leader in all civic affairs of Herrin. On the 28th of May, 1934, he was commissioned postmaster of Herrin. He hunts and fishes, but his special hobby is rifle and pistol shooting and he has a fine collection of firearms of this character. His wife, too, has become famed as an excellent pistol and rifle shot. They are never regardless of obligation toward the moral development of the community and hold membership in the Methodist Church, in which Mr. Lyerla has been a Sunday school teacher for a number of years.

EUGENE D. BURKE

For many years Eugene D. Burke of Elgin has followed the business of painting and decorating and has long been regarded as a skilled workman in this field of industry. A native of Kane county, Illinois, he was born in Gilberts, September 25, 1870, a son of Daniel and Mary (Casey) Burke, both of whom are deceased. The father, who was born near the shoe factory at Elgin, was always an active democrat and served as assessor of Rutland township, Kane county, while for twelve years he was one of the school directors of Gilberts.

Eugene D. Burke was educated in the schools of his native county and afterward became a railroad fireman, spending three years in the employ of the Chicago & North Western Railway. He then turned his attention to the painting and decorating trade, which he has since followed, steadily developing his skill and ability in that field. For eighteen years he worked for the Elgin National Watch Company in that line, and for thirty-eight years he has had the membership card of the Painters Union. Twenty years ago he was a delegate to the painters' convention in Rochester, New York. In April, 1933, he entered the sign department, District No. 1, of the highway department of the state and is now serving in this capacity.

On the 10th of June, 1897, Mr. Burke was united in marriage to Miss Louise Sauers and they are the parents of two children, Helen and Daniel. Mr. Burke

belongs to St. Mary's Catholic Church and is a member of the Knights of Columbus. In politics he has always been a democrat and is now precinct committeeman, a position which he has occupied for sixteen years. His memory goes back to the time when there were only twelve democrats in the precinct, and sometimes there were only five democratic votes cast. He has lived to see the growth in party strength until there are now two hundred and three in the precinct, and he has labored earnestly and effectively to bring about this result. He is well known in the county where he has lived so long and his sterling character worth has gained him wide regard.

CHARLES NOLL

Charles Noll, who for eight years has engaged in the practice of law in Waukegan and is now a member of the firm of Noll & Noll, was born in Ransom, Ness county, Kansas, in 1890, a son of Leonard and Marie (Eifert) Noll, both of whom were born in Germany, where they were reared and married, coming to the United States in 1875. The father was a farmer and miller and was active in local public affairs.

Charles Noll attended the public schools of his native county and also the Kansas State Teachers College at Hays. He then took up the profession of teaching, becoming principal of the grade and high schools at Ransom, Kansas. He began preparation for the bar in the University of Kansas, where he won his Bachelor of Arts and Bachelor of Laws degrees. He then entered the United States Navy, in which he served during the World war in the paymaster's department on a receiving ship at New York City. He passed the examination for the rank of ensign in that department. After the war he entered Northwestern University, where he took postgraduate work in law, and in 1920 he became a member of the faculty of the Waukegan township high school, with which he was thus connected for five years. In 1926 he passed the Illinois bar examination and was admitted to practice. He and his brother, John Noll, formed a partnership which has been continuous since, and their success is indicated by a large and growing clientele that has connected them with much important litigation tried in the courts of the district.

Always a democrat, Charles Noll in 1931 became chairman of the Waukegan Township Democratic Club, which supported Franklin D. Roosevelt. He was secretary of the Democratic Society of Lake County, which handled the campaign for the state ticket, and in February, 1933, he was appointed assistant attorney general of Illinois in charge of inheritance tax. In 1934 he was made the party nominee for probate judge in Lake county. He is now assistant attorney general under Hon. Otto Kerner, attorney general for the state of Illinois.

In 1919 Mr. Noll was united in marriage to Lucy Harding, of Chicago, and they are the parents of two children, Marie and Charles. Mrs. Noll is a member of the League of Women Voters and also of the Waukegan Women's Club. In his fraternal relations Mr. Noll is a Mason. He has attained the thirty-second degree of the Scottish Rite and belongs to Medinah Temple of the Mystic Shrine in Chicago. He is also identified with the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks and the Knights of Pythias. He is always interested in those community projects which make for public welfare and improvement and his labors can be counted upon to further any measure for the general good.

JOHN WILEY LUCAS, D. V. S.

Dr. John Wiley Lucas, who is a well known veterinarian of Knox county, making his home in Abingdon, is now filling the position of state agent in the department of hog cholera control work. He was born near Chandlerville, Cass county, Illinois, October 5, 1887, a son of William Douglas and Sarah Catherine (Underbrink) Lucas. He attended the public schools of Chandlerville and of Bath and later became a student in the Illinois State Normal University at

Normal, Illinois. He next entered the McKillip Veterinary College of Chicago, where he studied for three years, being graduated with the class of 1916. During his junior and senior years he practiced in Beardstown and in June, 1916, removed to Abingdon, Knox county, where he has since remained. In the intervening period of eighteen years he has built up a good practice, being acknowledged one of the competent veterinarians in this part of the state.

On the 20th of November, 1917, Dr. Lucas was united in marriage to Miss Matilda Lund, who is a native of Abingdon, and they are the parents of two children, Gerald and Jack.

Dr. Lucas has been active in democratic circles since attaining his majority and, working intelligently and efficiently for the party, he has rendered to it a valuable service. In 1928 he was elected precinct committeeman and has since occupied the position, having been reelected three times. In 1934 he was elected senatorial committeeman, leading the ticket in the forty-third district, which comprises Knox and Fulton counties, and defeating eight opponents for the office. He attends all of the state conventions of his party and went to Chicago in 1932 for the national convention. In March, 1933, he was appointed by Governor Horner to the position of state agent in connection with hog cholera control work. He had previously served in local offices, having in 1924 been elected supervisor for Cedar township, to which office he was re-elected in 1926 and 1928. Dr. Lucas was a candidate for sheriff of Knox county in 1922, but was unsuccessful in this republican county. Fraternally Dr. Lucas is connected with the Knights of Pythias and the Independent Order of Odd Fellows, and he has membership in the Congregational Church. A man of high character and sterling worth, combined with social qualities, he has many friends in western Illinois and is numbered among its representative citizens.

JOHN R. MARKLEY

John R. Markley, the well known postmaster of Bushnell, was born in Fulton county, Illinois, November 25, 1869, his parents being Joseph and Mary Ellen (Rose) Markley. The father, who was born in Ashland, Ohio, November 30, 1829, died in 1902. He was a farmer by occupation and, removing westward, settled in Deerfield township, Fulton county, where he engaged in the cultivation of his land. About 1868 he established a gristmill at Babylon, on the Spoon river, and continued its operation until about 1902. In politics he was a very staunch democrat, being never known to scratch his ticket. For many years he served as precinct committeeman in Fulton county and in various ways he left the impress of his individuality for good upon the progress and development of his community. His wife, who was born February 21, 1830, departed this life in 1904, having reached the age of seventy-four years.

John R. Markley attended the public schools of Fulton county and the Western Normal College at Bushnell. He was reared to farm life and engaged in the cultivation of farms in both Fulton and McDonough counties until 1920, when he established his home in Bushnell and opened a real estate agency, which he has since conducted.

Mr. Markley has also been very active in political circles and has been three times elected alderman of Bushnell, so that he has had much to do with shaping municipal interests. After serving in that capacity for three terms he was elected and served for three years as assessor and for a similar period was collector in Bushnell. On the 12th of January, 1934, he was appointed acting postmaster and is still filling the office. In 1922 he was elected a precinct committeeman and has been reelected at each biennial period since that time. In 1932 he was a delegate to the democratic state convention at Springfield. In 1929 Mr. Markley had printed on an automobile tire cover, "Roosevelt For President in 1932," after which he had a picture made of this and sent to Roosevelt, who was then governor of New York. Among Mr. Markley's cherished possessions are three personal letters from President Roosevelt in

his own handwriting, and he also has six or seven letters written by Roosevelt's private secretary.

Mr. Markley was united in marriage to Abbie Hobbs, a daughter of George Green Hobbs of Harris township, Fulton county, a staunch democrat who served in practically all township offices. Mr. and Mrs. Markley are members of the Methodist Church and are well known in Bushnell and throughout McDonough county, where they have an extensive circle of warm friends. Mr. Markley is a member of The National Association of Postmasters and attended their convention at French Lick, Indiana, in 1934.

ERNEST E. DONALDSON

Ernest E. Donaldson, who deserves classification with the efficient public officials of Illinois, is now filling the position of postmaster at Shobonier, Fayette county, to which he was appointed on the 28th of April, 1934, by President Roosevelt. Shobonier numbers him among her native sons. He was born May 19, 1909, his parents being Fred E. and Orpha (Ehlers) Donaldson. The mother was also born in Shobonier, her people having come here from Germany shortly after the Civil war, at which time they made settlement upon a farm. His grandfather Donaldson was a postmaster in Shelby county for a number of years and his uncle, J. M. Donaldson, is chief clerk to the Second Assistant Postmaster General at Washington, D. C.

Fred E. Donaldson was born in Shelby county, Illinois, and was there reared, after which he came to Shobonier, where he married and for many years thereafter operated a grain elevator. In January, 1933, he was appointed by Governor Horner to the position of maintenance man for Fayette and Marion counties. He has always been active in democratic politics and he served as democratic committeeman of Kaskaskia township, Fayette county, for two terms and was also supervisor for two terms. He has attended many state, congressional and judicial conventions and he has always supported the entire democratic ticket, working earnestly for the success of the party and contributing in no small degree to its victories.

Ernest E. Donaldson obtained a grade and high school education in Vandalia, Illinois, and afterward attended the Illinois State Normal University at Normal, following which he engaged in teaching for five years, making an excellent record as an educator by reason of the clear and forceful manner in which he imparted to others the knowledge that he had acquired. He still teaches during the school period. He was appointed postmaster by President Roosevelt on the 28th of April, 1934. He has always been active in democratic politics, even before attaining his majority, and he attends all of the local party meetings and gives unflinching allegiance to the entire ticket. He belongs to the Jeffersonian Club and is regarded as one of the foremost members of his party in Fayette county.

In January, 1931, Mr. Donaldson was united in marriage to Miss Alice Garard, a native of Fayette county, Illinois, and a daughter of Charles F. and Louise (Grump) Garard, members of a pioneer democratic family of this part of the state. Mr. and Mrs. Donaldson are the parents of two children, Junadel and Donna Jean. They attend the services of the Methodist Episcopal Church. They have a wide acquaintance and many friends in Shobonier and the surrounding area, and the esteem in which they are held indicates that they have led useful and well spent lives.

WILLIAM RYAN

William Ryan is well known as the owner and editor of the *Metamora Herald*, which he has published during the past three decades and which is the only democratic newspaper in Woodford county. Prominent in local politics, he has served as secretary of the democratic county committee for the past twelve years and has been precinct committeeman for fourteen years. He was born in Tazewell county, Illinois, December 23, 1877, his parents being



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William and Mary (Griffin) Ryan, natives of Ireland. The father, a pattern maker by trade, became a stalwart supporter of the democratic party following his emigration to the United States. He passed away when his son and namesake was but eight years of age.

William Ryan of this review was placed in an orphan's home at Metamora, Illinois, at the age of five, upon the death of his mother. He acquired his early education in Woodford county. Subsequently he continued his studies in Iowa and Minnesota, in which latter state he made his home with an aunt. As a young man he entered a newspaper plant in Minnesota and after learning the printer's trade devoted two years thereto in Minneapolis and a similar period in the state of Montana. It was in November, 1904, that he returned to Metamora, Illinois, and purchased the Metamora Herald for four hundred and fifty dollars, the plant being at that time in a run-down condition. Under the capable management of Mr. Ryan the Herald has become a leading newspaper in Woodford county, with a circulation of eleven hundred and twenty-five. It is an old established newspaper, having now been in continuous existence for eighty-one years. Mr. Ryan is a member of the Illinois Press Association and is widely recognized as one of the successful journalists of his part of the state. Fraternally he is affiliated with the Knights of Columbus, of which he is an associate member.

On the 15th of June, 1909, Mr. Ryan was united in marriage to Miss Emma Giehl, a native of Metamora, Illinois, and a daughter of Frank Giehl, one of the old-time leaders of the democratic party who at the advanced age of eighty-four years is still active in its local ranks. Mr. Giehl has pleasant memories of personal acquaintanceship with the immortal Lincoln and with Adlai E. Stevenson, vice president of the United States from 1893 until 1897. Mr. and Mrs. Ryan are the parents of three children: Margaret, at home; William Ryan (III), who in 1934 received his B. S. degree in Journalism at the University of Illinois; and Julian Ryan, who will receive his B. S. degree in chemistry at the University of Illinois in 1935.

FRANK R. DALTON

Frank R. Dalton, postmaster of Aurora and a well known business man of the city for more than a third of a century, was here born September 18, 1875, his parents being John D. and Ellen (O'Connell) Dalton. The father was born in Tipperary, Ireland, and came to the United States in 1850, settling first in Peoria, Illinois, where he lived until 1861. He then went to Belvidere, Illinois, where he engaged in the railroad construction business, and from 1888 until his retirement from active business he was a coal merchant of Aurora. He married Ellen O'Connell, who passed away in 1899, while Mr. Dalton survived until 1913.

Frank R. Dalton acquired his early education in the public schools of Aurora and afterward spent two years in the Aurora Business College. He next became a machinist and followed that pursuit for about five years. In 1900 he joined his father in the coal business and has since been active in this line. In 1904 he succeeded his father in the business, in which he and his eldest son are now engaged. Thus for thirty-four years he has been continuously identified with the coal trade of Aurora and has developed an enterprise of extensive and gratifying proportions, while as a representative business man of the city he is widely and favorably known.

In 1902 Mr. Dalton was married to Miss Florence Mullin, a daughter of Edward J. and Margaret (Harrison) Mullin, of Aurora, where her father was formerly foreman in the shops of the Chicago, Burlington & Quincy Railroad. Mr. and Mrs. Dalton have three sons: Francis H., Robert C. and William J. The first born attended the grade schools, was graduated from the Aurora high school and from the University of Illinois about 1925. The second son, Robert C., has a similar record, both sons attending the University of Illinois for two years. Returning to Aurora, they entered the insurance business, in which

they continued until 1931, when Robert C. Dalton enrolled as a student in the Chicago-Kent College of Law, winning the degrees of LL. B. and B. A. at his graduation.

Mr. Dalton has long been influential in democratic politics. In 1914 he was induced by some of his friends to become a candidate for the legislature, pressure in this respect being brought to bear upon him by Roger Sullivan and others prominent in democratic circles. He was elected and served for one term, at the end of which he became actively engaged in the coal business. Since then he has done effective work for the democratic party in campaigns. In fact his activity dates from about 1906. He has attended all of the state conventions, many times as a delegate, and was present at the national convention of the party at St. Louis in 1916. Since 1914 he has continuously served on the county central committee and in 1928 he was a candidate for the office of state senator and for congressman in 1932. On the 20th of July, 1933, he was appointed postmaster of Aurora and is now wisely and capably directing the affairs of the post office in this city, where he has long been one of the most influential representatives of the democratic party. He belongs to St. Mary's Roman Catholic Church, the Knights of Columbus, the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks, the Fraternal Order of Eagles and the Lions Club, and he is helpfully interested in all that has to do with civic welfare.

BERYL J. DONALDSON

One of the diligent and enterprising business men of Fayette county is Beryl J. Donaldson, who is engaged in the hay and grain trade in Farina and who is also a well known representative of the democratic party here, filling the office of postmaster at the present time. He was born in Fountain county, Indiana, July 21, 1904, a son of Walter and Ida (Jerden) Donaldson, both of whom are natives of Fayette county, Illinois, and represent old families of this region that settled in the county long prior to the Civil war. The great-grandfather of Mr. Donaldson in the Jerden line served as sheriff of the county in the '50s, having removed to Illinois from Virginia in young manhood. John J. Jerden, the grandfather, was a very prominent figure in democratic circles, filled the office of deputy sheriff and was untiring in his efforts to advance the interests of democracy. John W. Donaldson, the grandfather of Beryl J. Donaldson in the paternal line, was a farmer and merchant and he, too, was a staunch democrat. His son, Walter Donaldson, was born, reared and married in Fayette county. He became a telegraph operator and followed that line of business until 1915, when he established a general store at Stewardson, Shelby county, where he is now engaged in business. He, too, is very active in democratic politics in that county and has served as a member of the democratic county central committee for several years. He is a familiar figure in the judicial, congressional and state conventions of the party, which he usually attends as a delegate, and it is well known that he supports the entire party ticket.

The public schools of Sullivan, Illinois, accorded Beryl J. Donaldson his early educational opportunities. He passed through consecutive grades to his graduation from the high school with the class of 1923 and later he entered the Sparks College of Shelbyville, Illinois, which also numbers him among its alumni. Subsequently he went to Chicago, where he filled the position of auditor with the firm of Walter E. Heller & Company until 1929. In that year he removed to Farina, where he established a hay and grain business which he still carries on, having developed a good trade in this connection. In January, 1934, he was appointed postmaster and has since filled the position. Like his forebears, he has been active in democratic politics since age conferred upon him the right of franchise and he took a prominent part in organizing the Jeffersonian Club of Fayette county, of which he is the vice president. He was appointed by Governor Horner to the state auditor's office and

occupied that position until he resigned to accept the postmastership. He attends all of the congressional, judicial and local conventions of his party and is an outstanding figure in democratic circles in central Illinois.

In 1929 Mr. Donaldson was united in marriage to Miss Charlene Wade, a native of Fayette county, Illinois, and a daughter of C. T. and Mollie (Aldredge) Wade. Her grandfather, J. M. Aldredge, has long been prominent in democratic circles in this state and served as postmaster of Iola under the administration of President Cleveland. His labors in behalf of the party have been far-reaching and beneficial and the results achieved have been most desirable. In religious faith Mr. Donaldson is connected with the Christian Church and fraternally he is a Mason. In these associations are indicated the rules which govern his conduct and have always shaped his relations with his fellowmen.

WILLIAM K. WAYLAND

The year 1912 witnessed the arrival of William K. Wayland in Decatur, where he has since made his home and where as a business man and citizen he has occupied a commanding position. For a considerable period he was identified with the industrial development of the city and at the present writing he is superintendent of the government employment office here. Mr. Wayland was born in Spencer, Indiana, August 27, 1880, a son of John and Anna (Kerr) Wayland, who were also natives of the Hoosier state. The father followed the lumber business throughout his active life and he always gave his political support to the democratic party, of which he was a staunch advocate.

The removal of the family from Indiana to Chicago enabled William K. Wayland to pursue his education in the grammar and high schools of the metropolis and thus he was well trained for life's practical and responsible duties. He arrived in Decatur in 1912, as a young man of thirty-two years, and became associated with A. W. Wagner in establishing and developing the Wagner Malleable Iron Company, of which he became vice president, continuing to hold that office until 1930, when he disposed of his interests in the enterprise.

Mr. Wayland has long been active in democratic politics, becoming an earnest worker in party ranks on attaining his majority. He attended the state democratic convention at Springfield in 1932 as a delegate and in the same year was a visitor at the democratic national convention in Chicago. On the 1st of May, 1933, he was appointed superintendent of the state employment office by Governor Henry Horner and is now acting in that capacity. To the duties of the position he brings sound judgment and keen discrimination and is proving a most acceptable officer.

In 1911 Mr. Wayland was united in marriage to Miss Margaret Booster, a native of Indiana. They have two children, Harriet and Ann. Mrs. Wayland, like her husband, is an active democratic worker, belonging to the Macon County Women's Democratic Club and taking a helpful interest in getting out the vote on election day. Fraternally Mr. Wayland is a Mason who loyally follows the teachings and purposes of the craft. During his long residence in Decatur he has gained the confidence and respect of his fellow townsmen and is regarded as a substantial and influential citizen here.

HAROLD TOMB

Harold Tomb, postmaster of Eureka, is a popular native son of the city, born April 11, 1889. His parents are Robert and Anna (Gardiner) Tomb, the latter being a representative of a family which has long given unwavering allegiance to the democratic party. Robert Tomb, a native of Ohio, was reared in Illinois and became a successful farmer of Woodford county, this state.

Harold Tomb completed a public school course in Eureka and then spent a year as a student at Eureka College, while subsequently he attended Brown's Business College of Peoria for a year. Next he was an instructor in night classes of Brown's Business College for two years and thereafter was identified

with the institution as field secretary for two and one-half years. He continued his educational work as head of the commercial department of the high school at Madelia, Minnesota, for three years and then returned to his father's farm in Woodford county, Illinois, cultivating the place for seven years. For a period of five years thereafter he was a traveling salesman of automotive equipment, and he next spent two years in the service of the Industrial Casualty Company of Bloomington, Illinois, as salesman and adjuster. On the 19th of March, 1933, Mr. Tomb was appointed postmaster of Eureka, in which position he has served most efficiently and satisfactorily to the present time. He was one of the organizers of the Young Men's Democratic Club of Woodford county and became its first chairman, thus serving for two years.

In 1913 Mr. Tomb was united in marriage to Miss Marjorie Pifer, of Eureka, Illinois, and they are the parents of four children, namely: John, Kathleen, Mary Lou and Richard. The family are communicants of St. Patrick's Church of Washington, Illinois.

MARTIN F. OEHMKE

Martin F. Oehmke, a member of the East St. Louis bar who has largely specialized in corporation law and who is now master in chancery, was born on a farm in Penfield, Champaign county, Illinois, May 30, 1888. His father, John F. Oehmke, was a native of Germany and came to the United States when a young man of twenty years, after which he devoted his attention largely to farming, although he was an extremely handy man, capable of performing almost any kind of labor. In politics he was a democrat, was at one time a candidate for the office of supervisor and served as town clerk of Compromise township, Champaign county. His death occurred in 1910. His wife, who bore the maiden name of Louise Schultz, was also born in Germany.

Martin F. Oehmke attended the rural schools and later became a pupil in the high school at Urbana, Illinois, from which he graduated in 1909. Subsequently he matriculated at the University of Illinois and was graduated from the law school in 1913 with the LL. B. degree. The same year he was admitted to the bar and began practice in East St. Louis in association with Paul and Chester Farthing, with whom he had roamed while in college, the firm being known as Farthing, Oehmke & Farthing. His attention was then concentrated upon his law work until 1917, when he entered the Officers Training Camp at Fort Sheridan, Illinois, where he remained for about six weeks, when he was discharged on account of physical disability. He then returned home but in May, 1918, again joined the army and served until the close of hostilities, being discharged as sergeant in the judge advocate's corps. He was recommended for a commission and since the war has held the rank of captain in reserve in the Judge Advocate General's Corps. He belongs to the American Legion, thus maintaining close association with his former military comrades.

When mustered out Mr. Oehmke at once resumed civilian activities and on the 1st of January, 1919, became associated in law practice with William E. Wheeler, the partnership between them being formed in the year 1925, when the firm style of Wheeler & Oehmke was adopted. While Mr. Oehmke continues in general practice, he has given the greater part of his time and attention to corporation law and in this difficult branch of legal procedure he is thoroughly informed, so that his service is of practical value to business men of this part of the state. He belongs to the East St. Louis Bar Association and the Illinois Bar Association.

On the 21st of June, 1924, Mr. Oehmke was married to Miss Jane W. Ward, of East St. Louis, and they have a daughter, Jean. In politics Mr. Oehmke is a democrat and for many years was precinct committeeman of East St. Louis, while on the 6th of July, 1933, he was appointed master in chancery of St. Clair county by Judge Maurice V. Joyce. In 1934 he was made a delegate to the state



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convention and he has long been active in party politics, his labors being far-reaching and resultant.

Mr. Oehmke's interest in community welfare is a well known factor in his life record. For years he was a member of the board of the Chamber of Commerce of East St. Louis and is now president of the Signal Hill school board, the cause of education finding in him a stalwart champion. In Masonic circles he is a very prominent figure, holding membership in Gothic Lodge, No. 852, A. F. & A. M., of East St. Louis, of which he was master in 1919. He also belongs to Mississippi Valley Consistory at East St. Louis, was thrice potent master of the Lodge of Perfection and is past sovereign prince of Cahokia Council of Princes of Jerusalem. Advancing through the various offices in the Mystic Shrine, he became potentate of Ainad Temple in 1932 and in September, 1933, he had the distinguished honor of having the thirty-third degree conferred upon him. His life is in consistent harmony with the teachings of the craft and he is recognized as one of the leading Masons of southwestern Illinois.

FRED W. CRAVENS

Fred W. Cravens, chairman of the Sangamon county board of supervisors, was born near Russell Springs, in Russell county, Kentucky, March 20, 1876. His parents were James I. and Susan Cravens, the former a representative of an old and well known family of Kentucky, connected with the agricultural development of that state and politically with the democratic party.

Fred W. Cravens acquired a public school education near Russell Springs and remained on the farm through the period of his boyhood, youth and early manhood, assisting his father in the cultivation of the fields until 1905, when he and his three brothers established residence in Buffalo Hart, Illinois. All are farmers of Sangamon county, and Arthur is now living in Buffalo Hart, while Albert makes his home in Clear Lake township and Robert is in Buffalo Hart, where he is serving as precinct committeeman. Like the others of the family, Fred W. Cravens has never faltered in his allegiance to the democratic party and in 1906 was elected township collector of Buffalo Hart township, serving for one year. He has since been a committeeman, active in promoting the work of the party and directing its interests. In 1926 he was elected township supervisor and in 1933 was called to the office of chairman of the Sangamon county board of supervisors, while on the 17th of April, 1934, he was re-elected for another year. He is a director of the Roosevelt-Horner Democratic Organization of Sangamon county and his aid and cooperation can at all times be counted upon to further every legitimate project that looks toward winning party successes.

On the 11th of February, 1909, Mr. Cravens married Bertha Robinson, a daughter of E. H. and Harriet (Chapman) Robinson, farming people of Sangamon county. Mr. and Mrs. Cravens have two children: Mary, who is at home; and James R., who is a graduate of Brown's Business College of Springfield and is now assisting in the farm work. The family belongs to the Presbyterian Church of Buffalo Hart and Mr. Cravens is a member of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows and of the Masonic fraternity, being identified with the blue lodge, with Springfield Consistory of the Scottish Rite and with Ansar Temple of the Mystic Shrine at Springfield.

FRANK P. COLEMAN

Frank P. Coleman, state senatorial committeeman of the fifth district and secretary of the Fifth Ward Regular Democratic Organization, is well known as a political leader of Cook county. He was born in La Salle county, Illinois, March 15, 1886, and is a son of Peter and Mary (Hanley) Coleman, who were natives of County Mayo, Ireland. The father engaged in raising live stock. Both he and his wife have passed away, their remains being interred in St. Vincent's Cemetery in La Salle, Illinois.

Frank P. Coleman was educated in the parochial schools and in St. Bede College at Peru, Illinois, where he completed a classical course. Later he pursued a commercial course in St. Mary's College of Kansas and thus qualified for the active and responsible duties of life. He then obtained a position as coal inspector for the Illinois Central Railroad and subsequently he entered the undertaking business at La Salle, in which he engaged until the World war, when he became a government inspector.

In 1920 Mr. Coleman removed to Chicago and here entered the political field as an active supporter of the democratic party. He was employed by the Sanitary District, also has held a position in the county treasurer's office and with the city department of electricity. He is the secretary of the Fifth Ward Regular Democratic Organization and has been an effective worker, his labors productive of good results for the party. He is also senatorial committeeman from the fifth district and he is a member of the staff of the Illinois State Commerce Commission. His labors have been far-reaching and beneficial and it is largely due to his efforts that the membership of the fifth ward organization has been brought to a high standard and the vote of the ward greatly increased. In fact the democratic vote of the ward in April, 1934, was the largest in its history.

EDWARD J. MAHER

Edward J. Maher, superintendent of the fish hatchery at Geneseo, was born in Atkinson township, Henry county, Illinois, February 18, 1872, and is a son of Edward C. and Mary A. Maher, both of whom are now deceased. After pursuing his education in the public schools of his native county Edward J. Maher began work as a steam shovel engineer, working chiefly for the railroad. He had been reared to farm life but did not care to pursue the work of the fields and therefore directed his efforts into another channel. Industry and perseverance have been among his marked characteristics and he has led a busy and useful life.

In August, 1898, Mr. Maher was united in marriage to Miss Elizabeth Seehl. They attend the Catholic Church and Mr. Maher was formerly connected with the Knights of Columbus. In exercising his right of franchise he has always supported the men and measures of the democratic party and a number of years ago acted as precinct committeeman. In March, 1934, he was appointed superintendent of the state fish hatchery at Geneseo and is now directing its interests. His work is thoroughly satisfactory to those who have general supervision of it and he is rendering a good account of himself by his loyalty to his responsibilities.

CARL WINTON KELLMAN

Carl Winton Kellman, a resident of Syeamore, has been chosen by the state central committee to organize the Scandinavian Democratic League of Illinois. Heretofore those of Scandinavian birth or descent have been almost totally republican, but within a period of about three or four months more than seven hundred have been enrolled, pledged to vote the democratic ticket in the fall of 1934. This number is being daily augmented by the enrollment of others and it is expected that the total number will exceed twenty thousand by November, 1934. Mr. Kellman possesses splendid powers as an organizer and his work is most systematically and thoroughly done.

Born in Chicago, May 29, 1890, Carl Winton Kellman is a son of Carl W. and Augusta (Matson) Kellman, both of whom were natives of Sweden. The father came to the United States in 1884, settling in Chicago, where he reared his family, consisting of his son and namesake and two daughters.

Carl W. Kellman, Jr., attended the graded schools of Elgin and the North Park Academy of Chicago, in which he was a member of the class of 1907. Later he pursued a two years' pre-legal course in the University of Illinois and he won his LL. B. degree upon graduation from the Chicago Law School in 1913. In the same year he passed the required bar examination and began practicing in Chicago. He has always continued in general law practice and his ability is

manifest in many favorable verdicts which he has won for his clients. He is, moreover, a wise and safe counselor and in the analysis of a case his opinion is seldom, if ever, at fault.

On the 15th of November, 1913, in Chicago, Illinois, Mr. Kellman was united in marriage to Miss Esther E. Anderson, a daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Andrew T. Anderson, of that city. Mr. and Mrs. Kellman are the parents of two sons, Carl W. (III) and Robert A., who are nineteen and sixteen years of age, respectively.

Mr. Kellman is a member of the Phi Alpha Delta, a law fraternity, and he also belongs to the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks and to the Vikings. His interest in community welfare is shown in his connection with the Chamber of Commerce and in the moral development of the community in his membership in the Congregational Church. Politically he has always been a democrat and has been adviser to the Young People's Democratic Clubs of Illinois. He attended the national convention of his party in Chicago in 1932 and more recently he has been chosen to promote the Scandinavian Democratic League of the state. Early in 1934 he took up this work; in fact the idea largely originated with him. Eight weeks before the primary election of April, 1934, the Chicago club had a membership of seventy-five and at its first meeting one hundred and fifty were present. A month later, at De Kalb, two hundred and fifty were in attendance, and ten days before the primary nine hundred people attended the meeting at Sycamore. The membership in De Kalb has grown to seven hundred. There is a forty per cent Scandinavian population in De Kalb and this is proving an excellent field, the Scandinavians flocking to the support of the organization in great numbers. Mr. Kellman is the present chairman and under his direction a most effective work is being done. He has the ability to organize his forces so as to bring out their greatest strength and his labors are far-reaching and effective.

WILLIAM E. WINN

William E. Winn, state food inspector at Peoria, was born in Paris, Illinois, March 6, 1894, a son of James and Daisy (Cale) Winn, the former a native of Centralia, Illinois, and the latter of Paris, this state. The paternal grandfather, George W. Winn, was a Union soldier of the Civil war. The Cales were Virginians, and James E. Cale, father of Daisy (Cale) Winn, was a Confederate soldier and officer who served on the staff of General Robert E. Lee.

William E. Winn acquired his education in the Peoria schools, attending high school and afterward the Bradley Polytechnic Institute, where he studied engineering for two years. He then joined the Illinois National Guard and served on the Mexican border as a member of Company A of the First Regiment of Engineers. During the World war he served in the navy as second-class quartermaster, and he was married while in the service to Miss Kelly Anderson, of Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, who was born in Denmark, May 30, 1896. They have become the parents of four children: Elmer, Ivy, Richard and Robert.

Following his return from military service Mr. Winn became a fireman on the Pennsylvania Railroad, his run being between New York and Philadelphia. He became a member of the Brotherhood of Locomotive Fireman and served as chairman of its grievance committee. After leaving the railroad he was a salesman in the Peoria territory for the National Biscuit Company and also for a time represented the Sawyer Biscuit Company.

Mr. Winn was appointed state food inspector by Governor Horner. He has been very active in politics for a number of years and was one of the sponsors of Homer Ahrends for mayor, working untiringly for his election. He also helped to form the Young People's Democratic Organization of Illinois and has served as its vice president. His wife is likewise active in the Women's Democratic Organization of the Sixth Ward. Fraternally Mr. Winn is a Mason and an Eagle and he also belongs to the American Legion. He has led an active busy and useful life and is now rendering valuable service in his present official position.

HARVEY MOORE

As sheriff of Richland county and as a public-spirited citizen of Olney, Harvey Moore is generally considered a distinct acquisition to the ranks of Illinois democracy. He has long been a sincere adherent of the party and has made every effort within his power to promote its success in his home section.

Sheriff Moore was born in Lawrence county, Illinois, June 26, 1885, and is a son of John A. and Martha (Provine) Moore, both natives of Lawrence county. The original members of the father's family came to Illinois from the state of Tennessee, while those of the mother's were from Ohio. John A. Moore was a prosperous farmer of Lukin township, in which division of the county he held several offices. He was a democrat of high rating. His death occurred in the year 1922, and he is survived by his widow.

The country schools of Lawrence county supplied Harvey Moore with his education, and after leaving school he engaged in farming until 1916, in which year he became connected with the Baltimore & Ohio Railroad on construction work, and in this occupation remained for one year. He was then an employee of the Lengangs & Sons Bakery until he was appointed deputy sheriff of Richland county under Sheriff Frank Craig. His services were eminently satisfactory in this position and in 1922 the voters of the county elected him to the office of sheriff on the democratic ticket. He served four years, then was re-elected in 1930 and will complete his second term December 1, 1934. He has always taken intense interest in political affairs, and is a consistent attendant at all local, congressional and judicial conventions. He always works for the whole ticket, and holds membership in the Jeffersonian Club.

On the 1st of May, 1906, Mr. Moore was united in marriage to Miss Eunice Iola Youngling, a daughter of Samuel and Barbara Youngling, of a pioneer family of the county. To their marriage there have been born the following children: Emily, who is the wife of Grover E. Clevenger of Olney; Guy D., who is in the insurance business in Springfield; and Ernest, who is at home.

EARL HUBBARD

In various positions of public trust Earl Hubbard has proved a loyal citizen, displaying untiring devotion to the general good. He is now township supervisor of Walkerville township, Greene county, and also president of the high school board. His birth occurred November 22, 1892, in Walkerville township, his parents being Frank and Mary (Etheline) Hubbard, also natives of Greene county, the former belonging to an old Kentucky family, while the mother's people were from Ohio. Frank Hubbard has now passed away, but his widow survives. He followed farming in Greene county for many years and was active in affairs of his community, giving unfaltering allegiance to the democratic party. He served as township supervisor of Walkerville township and was a member of the county board of review at the time of his death. The cause of education also found in him a stalwart champion and he served on the high school board. He labored untiringly to secure the adoption of democratic principles and usually attended the county conventions of the party.

Earl Hubbard began his education in the school of his home neighborhood and afterward entered the White Hall high school, from which he was graduated in 1910. Since attaining his majority he has always carried on farming and dairying and is now farming one hundred and fifty-two acres of good land in Walkerville township, which he has placed under a high state of cultivation. For dairy purposes he keeps graded Jersey cattle, and both branches of his business are being systematically and profitably conducted.

On the 7th of October, 1911, Mr. Hubbard was married to Miss Mabel Rolins, of Walkerville township, Greene county, Illinois, and they are now parents of seven children, namely: Stella, a graduate of the White Hall high school, who also pursued a business course at Chillicothe, Illinois, and was employed



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prior to her marriage; Keith, a graduate of the White Hall high school; Vera and Dorothy, who are students at the Hillview high school; Martha Ann and Mary Lou, twins; and Betty.

In politics Mr. Hubbard is to some extent following in his father's footsteps but modestly disclaims to be able to fill his father's place. However, his fellow townsmen recognize his loyal citizenship and have called upon him for service in various public connections. He was formerly chairman of the county board of review and also served on the miscellaneous committee. He is now acting as supervisor of Walkerville township, and is president of the high school board. He has also served on the democratic county committee, has attended many of the county conventions of the party and in 1934 was a delegate to the democratic state convention.

JOHN SMALL

John Small, who on the 1st of July, 1933, was made field parole agent in District 16 of Illinois, is a resident of Harrisburg. He was born on a farm near this city, August 23, 1880, and is a son of Lorenzo Dowell and Sylvia (Reynolds) Small. He pursued his education in the rural schools until he had completed the work of the eighth grade and much of his life has been devoted to public service. He was the first democratic sheriff elected in Saline county over a period of twenty years. His father's uncle, Samuel Barter, was democratic sheriff from 1892 until 1896 and in 1900 was re-elected to the office for a second term. Mr. Small was chosen for the position in 1922 with a plurality of four thousand, one hundred and sixty-one, the vote being indicative of his personal popularity and the marked degree of confidence reposed in him. This was not, however, his first public office, for when only twenty-two years of age he was elected road commissioner. Later he served as township collector and as supervisor, and it was after he had proven his worth and merit in those offices that he was chosen sheriff in 1922, filling the position for two terms. From 1926 until 1930 he was county treasurer, and in each office he has filled he has proven his loyalty to the interests entrusted to him. With his retirement from the position of county treasurer he removed to his farm home west of Harrisburg, where he resided until 1933. He was acting as parole officer at the Southern Illinois Penitentiary at Menard when appointed to the position of field parole agent for District 16 on the 1st of July, 1933. Never has he wavered in his allegiance to the democratic party and he has been a close and discriminating student of political matters. His support of the party is therefore one of intelligent appreciation of its principles as factors in good government and he can ever defend his position by strong and convincing argument. He has membership in the Jeffersonian Club and is accounted one of the party leaders in his section of the state.

On the 21st of May, 1899, in Saline county, Mr. Small was married to Miss Cora Williams and they have a daughter and a son, Maggie Ruth and Curtis Glen. Mr. Small belongs to the Kiwanis Club and is a Mason and an Odd Fellow, while his religious faith is indicated in his membership in the First Baptist Church at Harrisburg. Much of his life has been spent in this locality, so that he has a wide acquaintance in Saline county and the sterling worth of his character is attested by his large circle of friends.

JAMES CHARLES COYLE

James Charles Coyle has the distinction of having served for eighteen years as county committeeman of the democratic party in Gallatin county. He makes his home in Equality, where he is special representative for the Franklin Life Insurance Company, his territory covering Saline, Hardin and Gallatin counties. He was born in St. Louis, Missouri, October 17, 1873, and is a son of Charles Edward and Sarah Ann (Blake) Coyle. He acquired his education by mastering the work up to and including the eighth grade of the public schools and he is now an active and representative business man of his native town, where he has

developed a large insurance agency, his business being of extensive and gratifying proportions. There is no phase of the insurance business with which he is not thoroughly familiar and he is thus able to assist his clients in obtaining exactly the kind of insurance in which they are interested.

On the 3rd of September, 1893, in Equality, Mr. Coyle was united in marriage to Miss Ida G. Brazier, who is now postmaster of the town. They have become parents of five children: Marguerite, Velma, Virgil, James R. and Lawrence B. The religious faith of the family is that of the Catholic Church and Mr. Coyle belongs to the Knights of Columbus. His political views have always been in accord with democratic principles and he has been an effective worker in party ranks, consistently holding to the principles of democracy, which he believes contain the best elements of good government. He is now a member of the Jeffersonian Club and is serving for the second term as justice of the peace. He has attended several state and county conventions and he has done most effective work as county committeeman over a period of eighteen years. He retired from the office in 1934, refusing to run in the last primary. For several years of that period he acted as chairman of the county committee and was instrumental in thoroughly organizing the democratic strength of this section of the state. He also served for several terms as township collector and during the World war he was food administrator in Gallatin county. There is no project put forth to benefit the community and the commonwealth which does not receive his endorsement and cooperation and in all matters of citizenship he occupies a progressive position. Aside from his insurance interests he is secretary of the Equality, Illinois, Musicians Protective Association, No. 518, which position he has occupied for the past seventeen years.

WILLIAM EDWARD McGUIRE, M. D.

Dr. William Edward McGuire, a physician and surgeon practicing in Omaha and also serving as coroner of Gallatin county, has spent his entire life in Illinois, his birth having occurred in White county, November 3, 1873. His parents were Thomas and Anna (Stokes) McGuire. The father was quite active in county politics, serving for several years as a member of the democratic county committee and holding local offices at various times.

William E. McGuire pursued his early professional studies in the medical department of Valparaiso University in Indiana and then continued his course in the Barnes Medical College at St. Louis, Missouri, from which he was graduated in April, 1899. Through the intervening period, covering thirty-five years, he has continuously practiced as a physician and surgeon and is well qualified to meet the strenuous demands of his calling. He is likewise interested in agriculture and both lines of his activity have made him widely known.

On the 23rd of November, 1892, Dr. McGuire was united in marriage to Lottie Downen and they are the parents of four children: John Lawrence, Verner H., Florence M., and Edward S.

Dr. McGuire is a Mason and is also connected with the Modern Woodmen of America, while his religious faith is that of the Baptist Church. In politics he has always been a democrat, becoming an active party worker in early manhood and serving as chairman of the county central committee. Since 1908 he has occupied the office of county coroner—an uninterrupted service of more than twenty-six years. At the county, state and national conventions of the party he is a well known figure, having wide acquaintance among democratic leaders of community, commonwealth and country.

ELMER C. RANDOLPH

Elmer C. Randolph, postmaster of Golconda, was appointed to his present office September 8, 1933,—a merited recognition of his loyal support of democracy since attaining his majority. Born in Golconda, Illinois, October 12, 1890, he is a son of Walter L. and America I. (Linson) Randolph, and while spending his youthful days under the parental roof he was given the advantage of a four

terms' course of study in the Southern Illinois State Normal University at Carbondale. He also received two terms' semi-normal instruction at the normal school of Eddyville, this state. In early manhood Mr. Randolph taught school for eleven years and has always been a stalwart champion of the cause of education. He was likewise a salesman for ten years and is now the owner of valuable farm property, the cultivation and improvement of which he oversees. During the World war he put aside all business and other considerations and enlisted in the Marines on the 1st of May, 1918. He was in camp until the close of hostilities, acting as an instructor in English.

On the 27th of October, 1924, in Harrisburg, Illinois, Mr. Randolph was married to Miss Ethel F. Rigor and they are the parents of four children, namely: Robert Eugene, William Edward, Mildred Nora and James Lee. Mr. and Mrs. Randolph hold membership in the Baptist Church and the former is also affiliated with the Modern Woodmen of America. He has never failed to vote the democratic ticket since age conferred upon him the right of franchise and he is now giving his attention largely to his official duties as postmaster of Golconda. He has attended several of the state conventions and is well known in democratic circles in his section of Illinois.

MRS. RUTH MARY McELVAIN

Mrs. Ruth Mary McElvain, who is in charge of the post office at Broughton, Hamilton county, was appointed to her present position on the 15th of February, 1934, and has rendered most efficient service in this connection. Mrs. McElvain is a native of Mount Vernon, Illinois, born March 5, 1893, her parents being Francis Marion and Mary Magdalene (Donaldson) Blades. On the 6th of April, 1916, in McLeansboro, Illinois, she became the wife of John McElvain, who was a well known democratic leader of his district and who served in the state legislature from 1922 until 1924. He was a candidate for reelection to the general assembly when killed in an automobile accident in the summer of 1932.

Like her husband, Mrs. McElvain has always been a staunch supporter of the democratic party and is much interested in its success. Her work found recognition in appointment to office when on the 15th of February, 1934, she was made postmaster of Broughton. She is very systematic in carrying on the work of the office and her labors have brought excellent results. In religious belief she is a Methodist and she is ever most loyal to any cause which she espouses.

MICHAEL FRANKLIN SEYFRIT

Michael Franklin Seyfrit, state's attorney of Macoupin county, is a well known resident of Carlinville, where he was born January 31, 1898, his parents being Matthew and Elizabeth Seyfrit, both of whom gave stalwart support to the democratic party.

In the acquirement of his education Michael F. Seyfrit completed a course in the Carlinville high school as a member of the class of 1917 and later matriculated in the University of Notre Dame at Notre Dame, Indiana, where he completed his law course in 1923, at which time the LL. B. degree was conferred upon him. He has since engaged in the general practice of law and is well versed in all branches of jurisprudence. On the 1st of December, 1932, he was elected state's attorney of Macoupin county and is now filling the office, making an excellent record by the faithful manner in which he is protecting the legal interests of the county.

On the 7th of June, 1933, Mr. Seyfrit was united in marriage to Helen Rose Clifford. Mr. and Mrs. Seyfrit are well known socially and have many friends in central Illinois. He has membership in the Hillside Country Club and also belongs to the Knights of Columbus and the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks, while along strictly professional lines his connection is with the Macoupin County and Illinois State Bar Associations. His religious faith is that of the Catholic Church.

Mr. Seyfrit's military record covers service during the World war period. In 1917 he enlisted at Springfield, Illinois, and was sent to Jefferson Barracks, where he remained for a month. He spent eight months at Fort Barrancas, Florida, and one month at Camp Eustis, Virginia. He was at Camp Stuart, near Newport News, Virginia, from October 20 to November 15, 1918, passed the overseas examination and was ready to sail when the armistice was declared. While at Notre Dame, Mr. Seyfrit played right end on the football team. He has always voted with the democratic party and was formerly secretary of the democratic central committee of Maconpin county, while at the present writing he is a precinct committeeman from Carlinville precinct No. 3. He is much interested in the success of the party and his labors have been an effective force in promoting the interests of the organization.

MRS. ANNA S. LESTER

Mrs. Anna S. Lester, a leader in the women's division of Peoria county democracy, has worked along lines that have brought about most desirable results for the party. Her labors, always intelligently directed, have sought for the adoption of principles in which she firmly believes and concerning which she is always well informed. Mrs. Lester was born in Washington, Tazewell county, Illinois, February 16, 1866, her parents having been Major D. S. and Mary (Young) Sheppard. Her father was born near Cincinnati, Ohio, and was a son of Joel and Charlotte (Gibson) Sheppard. The Gibson family were among the most influential residents of Cincinnati in an early day and the famous old Gibson Hotel of that city was named in honor of a member of the family. Joel Sheppard, removing westward with his wife and children, settled in Tazewell county, Illinois, at a very early period and participated in the pioneer development of his section of the state. He became a prominent figure in business circles, being for many years a well known merchant of Washington. Mrs. Mary (Young) Sheppard, the mother of Mrs. Lester, was born near Petersburg, in Menard county, Illinois, and was a daughter of Nesbert and Catherine (McNabb) Young. Her father came to Illinois from Baltimore, Maryland, and worked at his trade of cabinet making in Petersburg. Howard, John and William Young, sons of Nesbert Young, served with the Union Army in the Civil war. Mrs. Lester's mother had a distinct remembrance of Abraham Lincoln, who was a regular visitor at her home. Mrs. Lester is eligible to membership in the Daughters of the American Revolution. Major D. S. Sheppard, father of Mrs. Lester, also enlisted for service at the time of the outbreak of hostilities between the north and the south, joining the boys in blue of the Eleventh Illinois Cavalry under Robert S. Ingersoll. He was promoted to the rank of major, was captured when in action and was confined for some time in a military prison of the south. After the war he became a traveling salesman. At a later date he was a prominent figure in democratic politics in Tazewell county, serving as township supervisor and later as postmaster of Washington under appointment of President Cleveland. He was a well known and influential resident of his community and a man whom to know was to respect and honor. To him and his wife were born eight children, of whom three are living: Mrs. Lester, Dennis S. Sheppard and Mrs. Harry L. Zinser.

Mrs. Lester was educated in Washington, Illinois, and for six years engaged in teaching school in Tazewell county, imparting readily and clearly to others the knowledge that she had acquired. She then became the wife of William J. Lester, who was born in Wisconsin, and for a time after their marriage they lived in La Crosse, that state, but after thirteen months of wedded life, Mr. Lester passed away, being survived by his widow and an infant son, William J., Jr. Following her husband's demise Mrs. Lester came to Peoria and for ten years was employed by the First Trust & Savings Bank of this city. For five years she has been secretary to Mrs. W. M. Benton, handling all her business and property, and has been employed by this family for about ten years. She has also been hostess at the Winzeler undertaking parlor for five years. For an ex-



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tended period she has been active in fraternal work as a member of the beneficiary committee of the Royal Neighbors and also as a member of the Eastern Star. Her interest in politics dates from her early womanhood. She worked in the cause of woman suffrage and later assisted in organizing the women who were supporters of her party in a militant body. While her father was postmaster at Washington she acted as his assistant and in the democratic primaries of 1934 she was named as the candidate for county clerk without opposition. In the same year she was made president of the Women's City Democratic Organization and she has been a most effective worker in the interests of the party.

She has been judge in the fourth precinct of the third ward, where she has lived for twenty years.

Mrs. Lester's son, William J. Lester, Jr., married Gertrude Bradley and has four children: Anna B., Gertrude M., William J. and Betty.

Mrs. Anna S. Lester is well known not only in political but also in business and social circles of Peoria and she is now president of the Athenian group and is chairman of the evening department of the Women's Club. She was its first secretary and has been its President. Her religious faith is that of the Presbyterian Church and one of her marked characteristics is her loyalty to any cause which she espouses. Her friends are many and all speak of her in terms of the warmest regard.

GEORGE CAVEN

George Caven, president of the Illinois Dairymen's Association and thus a prominent figure in the business circles of the state, makes his home in Chicago, from which place he directs the important interests that have been entrusted to his care. A native of Iowa, he was born in Oskaloosa, December 1, 1863, and is a son of Nathaniel and Katherine Caven, both of whom were natives of Scotland. Reared under the parental roof, George Caven pursued a public school education, becoming a student in the high school of Oskaloosa and eventually attending the Iowa State College at Ames. For ten years of his business life he was connected with the Minneapolis Tribune and since 1895 he has been engaged in the dairy produce business. There are few men who have the intimate, comprehensive and accurate knowledge of dairying that Mr. Caven possesses. His labors have been most wisely and efficiently directed in this field and in 1898 he was chosen secretary of the Illinois State Dairymen's Association, a position which he filled for about thirty-one years or until 1929. In the latter year he was elected to the presidency of the association and has continued as its chief executive officer to the present writing in 1934. His work has been far-reaching and beneficial in the promotion of dairy interests in the state and he has done much to uphold the high standards of the organization.

On the 30th of April, 1891, Mr. Caven was married to Miss Florence Field. During his connection with the Minneapolis Tribune he became identified with the Press Club, to which he belongs. He was reared in the faith of the United Presbyterian Church and still holds to its teachings. In politics he has supported what he has believed to be the best in both parties and his aid and influence are always on the side of right, progress, reform and improvement. His personal career illustrates the possibilities for the attainment of individual success. Steadily he has worked his way upward and his record should serve to inspire and stimulate others.

ORA R. SMITH

Ora R. Smith, who is engaged in farming and makes his home near Biggs-ville, in Henderson county, was born in Clarinda, Iowa, December 6, 1884. His father, Willis J. Smith, was a native of Kentucky and in young manhood engaged in teaching school but later turned his attention to merchandising, which he followed for about thirty years in Kirkwood, Illinois, being regarded as one of the representative business men of that district. In politics he was an ardent democrat and he served for two terms as precinct committeeman and

was also at one time alderman of Kirkwood. In fraternal circles he became well known, belonging to the Knights of Pythias, the Independent Order of Odd Fellows and the Modern Woodmen of America, as well as the Masonic fraternity. His religious faith was that of the Baptist Church. In young manhood he married Jennie Elizabeth Ray, a native of Warren county, Illinois.

Their son, Ora R. Smith, attended the public schools of Kirkwood and Alexis, Illinois, and after leaving the high school of the latter place worked with his father in the store, thus gaining valuable training and experience. Later he spent about seven years in mercantile business on his own account in Warren county and in 1916 he removed to Henderson county, settling in Gladstone township, where he engaged in farming for a year. He then purchased land a half mile west of Biggsville, whereon he has since made his home, and his careful management is shown in the attractive appearance of his place and the excellent improvements which he has put thereon.

On the 11th of October, 1906, Mr. Smith was united in marriage to Miss Mayme Florence McKee, a native of Henderson county, and they are the parents of five children. Pauline is the wife of W. T. Wier, who manages a fruit farm of two hundred acres three miles west of Biggsville, and their children are William, Jr., Shirley Ann and Milton Ray; Frances is the wife of Russell Sanderson, who resides on a farm near Biggsville; Martha is the wife of Glennard Johnson, who also lives on a farm in the vicinity of Biggsville; Ray Gerald is a student in United States Naval Preparatory School at Annapolis, Maryland, and Margaret Elizabeth is at home.

Active in the democratic party since old enough to vote, Mr. Smith is regarded as one of the outstanding representatives of democracy in Henderson county. He has served as a member of the democratic central committee and as a member of the county executive committee and has attended two judicial conventions, while in 1934 he was a delegate to the democratic state convention. About sixteen years ago he was elected justice of the peace of Biggsville township. He has twice been the democratic nominee for county office. In 1926 he was the candidate for county treasurer and ran a very close race; in 1918 he was candidate for county clerk but was unsuccessful. Mr. Smith belongs to the Masonic fraternity and to the Baptist Church, and in these associations are indicated the rules which govern his conduct and guide him in all the relations of life.

MICHAEL BERNARD MORRIS

Michael Bernard Morris, a well known attorney of Chicago, has an even wider acquaintance in political circles covering not only city, county and state but also is well known to many of the national leaders of the democratic party through his active and invaluable work in campaigns. The life story of Mr. Morris had its beginning in New York city, where he was born September 19, 1885, a son of Bernard and Emma (Jackson) Morris. With the removal of the family to Chicago, he here pursued his education in the grammar schools and the Tuley high school. Later he enrolled as a student in the Milwaukee Business College at Milwaukee, Wisconsin, and afterward studied in the Chicago Preparatory College before entering upon preparation for his chosen profession in the Chicago Law School, from which he was graduated in 1909 with the LL. B. degree. The following year he was admitted to practice at the bar of Illinois and has since been admitted to practice in the federal courts. In early years of his connection with the bar he was affiliated with the law firm of Lobell & Lobell, American resident directors of English, Belgian, Dutch and French oil and mining syndicates, and was very active in all litigation in connection with oil and mining cases. Among his many notable cases were those of Sperry & Hutchinson Company versus United Sales Corporation, Globe Stamp Company of Toledo, Ohio, versus Sperry & Hutchinson Company, and

Fish Trading Stamp Company versus Horrie, all involving questions of unfair competition and infringement of contract rights; and Hutchinson versus Sperry, et al, in New York city, which involved an accounting of about five million dollars. During the time he was general counsel for the United Sales Corporation, Mr. Morris tried cases on the question of unfair competition and infringement of contract rights in practically all of the state and federal courts throughout the United States and appeared before numerous governors and state legislatures on behalf of the trading stamp companies on the question of the validity of anti-trading stamp litigation. Mr. Morris is now senior partner in the firm of Morris & Dea, which occupies an outstanding position at the Chicago bar. He has always specialized in corporation law, with which he is thoroughly familiar, and he is a director of various corporations. He has comprehensive knowledge of all those intricate problems and legal principles that have to do with corporations, banking, investment trusts, trust estates, taxation and probate and real estate law, and his opinions carry weight among his colleagues and contemporaries.

On the 12th of January, 1920, in Chicago, Mr. Morris was married to Miss Bessie Fairchild and they are now parents of three daughters: Eleanor Mary, Muriel Helen and Joan Elizabeth. Mr. Morris has membership in the Catholic Church and with many leading societies, including St. Francis Laymens Retreat League, of which he is the vice president. He also belongs to the Navy League, the Empire State Society, the Knights of Columbus, LaSalle General Assembly, the Press Club of Chicago, of which he was secretary for the year 1933-34, and the Iroquois Club, in which he has been a member of the board of managers from 1925 until 1934. He is also an honorary member of the International Association of Chiefs of Police. During the World war period Mr. Morris was a member of the war activities committee of the Chicago Bar Association, was legal advisor to several exemption boards and actively participated in Liberty Loan drives and other civilian war work. His name is on the membership rolls of the National Geographic Society and the Lawyers Association of Illinois.

There has never been any question as to his political preference. He has been an avowed democrat since age conferred upon him the right of franchise and has taken active and helpful part in city, county, state and national campaigns as a speaker and otherwise. His very close friendship with local and national leaders of the party has made his service invaluable in campaigns and in planning party strategy and policies. The offices he has filled have been in direct line of his profession, for he was assistant city attorney of Chicago from 1911 until 1915 and special city counsel in 1926 and 1927. He also acted as president of the board of fire and police commissioners of Park Ridge in 1929 and 1930. His activities being based upon a thorough knowledge of political principles and at all times intelligently directed with a view to attaining desired results, he is regarded as a most influential factor in democratic circles throughout the Chicago area.

DR. R. E. PROSSER

Dr. R. E. Prosser, a successful optometrist of Bloomington, is widely recognized as an influential factor in local democratic affairs. He was born in Edinburg, Johnson county, Indiana, September 3, 1875, his parents being James I. and Katherine (Ryan) Prosser. The father, a native of Indiana, was a soldier of the Civil war who accompanied General Sherman on the march from Atlanta to the sea. He devoted his attention to farming pursuits throughout his active life and was also a leader in the local ranks of the democratic party but never aspired to office. Governor Paul McNutt of Indiana is a grandson of Mrs. Sarah (Prosser) Neeley, sister of James I. Prosser. Major John Ryan, an uncle of our subject, was also a veteran of the Civil war and served as coroner of Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, for many years. Mrs. Mabel Snively,

a sister of Dr. Prosser of this review, served for four years as county recorder of Bartholomew county, Indiana, a banner republican county.

R. E. Prosser acquired his early education as a public school pupil of Edinburg, Indiana, and following his graduation from high school went to Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, where he spent one year in medical school. His uncle, Dr. William Ryan, an optometrist of Philadelphia, then persuaded him to enter Brown's School of Optometry in Philadelphia, from which he was graduated with the O. D. degree in 1894. For a period of eleven years thereafter he engaged in the practice of optometry in Philadelphia as an associate of his uncle, whose son is now at the head of the business, which has been continuously controlled by the Ryan family for more than one hundred years. An ancestor of Dr. Prosser in the maternal line, named Staples, made the first nose-bridge glasses in the United States. In 1905 Dr. Prosser removed to Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania, where he practiced optometry for seven years. On the expiration of that period, in 1912, he became associated with the Raben Optical Company of Davenport, Iowa, which he represented for three years in Moline, Illinois, while subsequently he was in charge of the firm's establishment in Burlington, Iowa, for six years. Thence he removed to Danville, Illinois, where he established business for Dr. Benzer, whom he represented for one year. It was on May 1, 1918, that Dr. Prosser came to Bloomington, Illinois, and opened an office in the Roland building for the private practice of optometry, but during the past four years he has maintained offices and sales-rooms in the quarters of the Chadband Jewelry Company. He is a member of the Illinois State Society of Optometrists, the American Optometric Association and the Optometric Educational Extension Society, the last named being a national organization for which he has prepared numerous valuable papers.

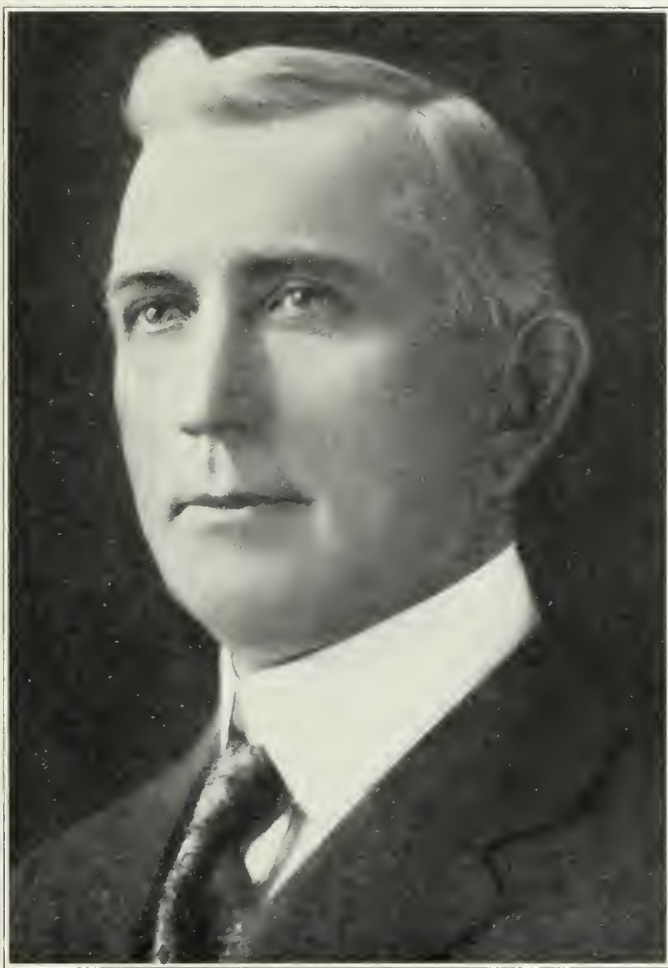
In 1910 Dr. Prosser was united in marriage to Miss Alma Johnson, of Rock Island, Illinois, who is an active member of the Women's Democratic Club of Bloomington. The Doctor has long been a stalwart supporter of the democratic party and while a resident of Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania, was one of the few democratic leaders in a ward overwhelmingly republican. He has taken a prominent part in democratic affairs since coming to Bloomington, exerting a strong influence in local politics, and has served as chairman of the city central committee for eight years. He is a consistent member of the First Methodist Episcopal Church of Bloomington and enjoys high standing among the representative and respected citizens of his community.

CHARLES EDWARD GRAY

Charles Edward Gray, who is serving as occupational sales tax investigator in District No. 1 of the state of Illinois, makes his home in Hanover, Jo Daviess county. He was born in Rice township, this county, April 2, 1877, a son of W. J. and Elizabeth (Virtue) Gray. The father followed farming in Rice township.

After pursuing his early education in the rural schools of his home locality Charles E. Gray entered the high school at Galena and in due course of time was graduated. He next attended the Upper Iowa University at Fayette, Iowa, and is numbered among its alumni of 1898, in which year he won the degree of Bachelor of Arts. Since that time he has given his attention to teaching and to farming in Rice township, Jo Daviess county, and in both fields of activity has made steady progress.

On the 1st of March, 1900, Mr. Gray was united in marriage to Miss Elizabeth Virtue, a native of Elizabeth township, Jo Daviess county, Illinois, and they are the parents of six children, namely: Edith, the wife of Fred Reuy, of Galena, Illinois; Homer, a resident of Galena; Willis; Charles E., Jr.; Alice; and Isabelle, who is a student nurse at the State Hospital at East Moline, Illinois. The family attends the Methodist Church, in which Mr. Gray holds membership, and he also belongs to the Masonic fraternity, in which he has



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advanced through the chapter, council and commandery. He also belongs to the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks. His interest in democratic affairs has been tangibly manifest since he attained his majority and he has served as precinct committeeman of Rice township throughout almost this entire period. For twenty-one years he represented Rice township on the board of supervisors and during that period he spent much time on the committee on highways, and acted as chairman of the board for two years. He was chairman in Jo Daviess county of the committee on state aid roads, and the present system of highways in the county is the result of his efforts through a period of over five years. In 1932 he removed from his farm to Hanover, where he has since lived. In that year he was placed on the speakers' list for the campaign and spoke in Carroll, Ogle, Lee and Whiteside counties. On the 1st of August, 1933, he was appointed occupational sales tax investigator of District No. 1, which includes Jo Daviess, Carroll and Whiteside counties, and he is now faithfully and capably discharging the duties of the position, his work having the endorsement of his superiors in the department. On October 8, 1934, he was appointed farm organizer for the thirteenth congressional district by the democratic state central committee and was given a furlough by the department of finance until after the election of November 6. He served as a delegate to the state conventions in 1928 and 1932.

FERD A. GARESCHE

Ferd A. Garesche, master in chancery of Madison county, has served as mayor of Madison since 1905 and is one of the best known representatives of democracy in his part of the state. He has done much active and effective work for the party and over the record of his official career there falls no shadow of wrong or suspicion of evil, as is indicated in the fact that he has again and again been returned to various positions, his re-elections being the public endorsement of his valuable service.

Mr. Garesche was born in St. Louis county, Missouri, December 16, 1875, a son of Ferd L. and Rosella M. (Hicks) Garesche. His father, a native of New York, became active in the insurance business in St. Louis, where he was also well known for his interest in and earnest support of the democratic party. He was elected county clerk of St. Louis county at the time the city government was separated from the county organization and he was also commissioner of supplies under Mayor Overstoltz of St. Louis.

Ferd A. Garesche was reared in his native county, where he attended private schools until he entered the St. Louis University, in which he pursued a literary course that gained for him the Bachelor of Arts degree in 1896. Subsequently he entered upon the study of law and received his LL. B. degree from that institution in 1913. In the same year he was admitted to practice at the Illinois bar and opened an office in Madison, since which time he has continued in active practice, being connected with much important litigation heard in the courts of the district. Under appointment of Judge D. H. Mudge he is now serving as master in chancery of Madison county, and in 1905 he was elected mayor of the city of Madison, in which office he has continued to the present time, being chosen to the position by popular suffrage at each succeeding election. The value of his work has long been recognized by his party and in 1912 he was elected on the democratic ticket to represent his district in the state legislature, where he carefully considered the vital problems that came up for settlement. In 1914 he was re-elected and again at each biennial period up to and including the year 1922, so that his service as a member of the general assembly covered twelve years and its records indicate his fidelity to the best interests of the commonwealth. In 1924 he was the democratic nominee for lieutenant governor and in 1932 he was elected a member of the county central committee, being made its chairman the same year, while in 1934 he was re-elected to the office. He

has been a delegate to practically all the state conventions since attaining his majority and with high standards of citizenship he has labored to secure and put in operation the principles in which he so firmly believes.

In 1903 Mr. Garesche was married to Miss Dora E. O'Brien, of St. Louis, Missouri, and they have five children: Dorothy M., who is the wife of W. K. Holland, of St. Louis; John P.; Robert A.; Philip E.; and Richard L. The family is widely and favorably known in Madison county, where Mr. Garesche has an extensive circle of friends. As a public official he has an unassailable reputation, while at the bar he has made a creditable name and place for himself, and he has membership in the Madison County, Illinois State and American Bar Associations.

JAMES O. TRAIL

James O. Trail, state highway patrolman and a resident of Goleonda, Pope county, came to Illinois from Kentucky, his birth having occurred in Livingston, that state, January 13, 1899. He is a son of Matt and Ada (Scott) Trail and he acquired a public school education. On the 20th of December, 1919, in Goleonda, he was united in marriage to Miss Bessie Sisk and they have become the parents of two children, a daughter and a son, Anita and Jimmy.

Mr. Trail is a democrat. He has always voted with the party since age brought to him the right of franchise and his loyalty to the party's interests led to his appointment to the office of state highway patrolman on the 16th of March, 1933. He has since acted in this capacity and has rendered a good account of the duties devolving upon him. He is prompt and faithful in the performance of the tasks which are now his and he well deserves mention among the representative members of the democratic party in Pope county.

LEE C. VINYARD

Lee C. Vinyard, a druggist of East Alton, who is now filling the position of postmaster, was born in White Hall, Illinois, November 24, 1881, a son of William and Mary (Murray) Vinyard. The mother is a native of Illinois and is of Irish descent. The father was born in White Hall and was a son of Squire Vinyard, who came to this state from Kentucky in 1826, casting in his lot with its pioneer settlers. William Vinyard has followed the occupation of farming as a life work and in politics has always been a staunch and active democrat, contributing liberally to party expenses and taking a helpful interest in promoting party successes. He was a delegate to the convention which placed Henry T. Rainey in nomination for congress.

Lee C. Vinyard, having attended the grammar and high schools of White Hall, continued his education in Illinois College at Jacksonville. He started out in the business world as clerk in a drug store at White Hall, being thus employed until 1922, when he purchased a drug business in East Alton. This store he has since conducted and his enterprise and business methods have brought him a substantial measure of success.

Mr. Vinyard established a home of his own through his marriage in 1906 to Miss Lela Johnson, of White Hall, and they have one son, William, who now conducts the drug business formerly owned by his father. Fraternally Mr. Vinyard is an Elk and an Odd Fellow. He attempted to enlist in the army during the World war but was rejected for physical reasons. His staunch American spirit, however, has always been one of his pronounced characteristics and he has ever voted with the democratic party. For six years he has been a member of the board of supervisors of Madison county and in this connection has discharged his duties faithfully and ably. For a total of twenty-two years he has served as a member of the county committees of Greene and Madison counties and he has been a delegate to every congressional and state convention for the past two decades. From 1932 until 1934 he was vice chairman of the county committee. He is now serving his sixth year as a member of the East Alton board of education and does everything in his power to further the in-

terests of the schools. On the 1st of January, 1934, he was appointed postmaster of East Alton and is now concentrating his attention and energies upon the duties of this position, displaying the same resolute and determined qualities which made for success in his commercial career.

GEORGE SIEB

George Sieb, chief clerk of the Illinois Colony and Training School at Lincoln, is now serving on the city council for the eighth year as alderman of the first ward. He was born in Lincoln, Logan county, Illinois, April 17, 1880, his parents being John and Susan (Frieze) Sieb, the former a native of Germany, while the latter was born in Wisconsin. John Sieb, who crossed the Atlantic to the United States in young manhood, became a successful farmer and hotel proprietor. Politically he was a stalwart democrat.

George Sieb attended the grammar and high schools of his native city and also completed a course at the Lincoln Business College. Since the beginning of his business career he has been identified with various retail mercantile establishments in Lincoln and for a short time was traveling representative of a large packing company. Politically he has been a loyal supporter of the democratic party since attaining his majority, being among its comparatively few adherents locally who carried the burden and preached the gospel of democracy through the long period of republican power. He served as deputy county clerk of Logan county from 1910 until 1914, was a member of the county board of supervisors for six years and chairman of the democratic county committee from 1916 to 1928. During the past eight years he has represented the first ward of Lincoln in the city council, being now chairman of the city committee on streets and alleys and also a member of the board of local improvements. He was appointed chief clerk of the Illinois Colony and Training School at Lincoln in April, 1933, and has since handled all the business of this institution in a most efficient and highly satisfactory manner.

In 1904 Mr. Sieb was united in marriage to Miss Mary Hagan, of Lincoln, Illinois, and they are the parents of six children: Rosalia, Arthur, Julia, Rosemary, Madaline and Georgann. Affiliated with the Knights of Columbus, Mr. Sieb served as grand knight for four terms, and he is highly esteemed in fraternal, business, civic and social circles of the city which has always been his home.

WALTER FLANNIGEN

Walter Flannigen, county recorder of St. Clair county since 1928 and a well known resident of Belleville, was here born on the 20th of February, 1885, being a son of Alexander and Dora (Marsh) Flannigen. The father, a native of Washington county, Illinois, became an attorney at law and practiced his profession successfully in East St. Louis and Belleville, becoming widely known as a prominent criminal lawyer, his fame extending throughout the entire state. His wife was also a native of Illinois, her birth having occurred near Belleville.

Walter Flannigen was reared in East St. Louis, where he attended the public schools, while later he continued his studies in Smith Academy of St. Louis. Later he entered the Benton College of Law in St. Louis, in which he continued through 1905 and 1906. After attaining his majority he went to New York city, where he remained for three years and then returned to Illinois, establishing his home in Chicago, where he engaged in the jewelry business, dealing largely in diamonds and pearls. From the Illinois metropolis he returned to East St. Louis, where he managed the campaign of Mayor M. M. Stephens. He was then appointed city comptroller and occupied that position for four years. His keen interest in politics has been evidenced in many tangible ways. He became the founder of the Jefferson Club of East St. Louis and was its recognized leader for many years. He is a born organizer and has been very successful in organization work, that has drawn out the full strength of the party. In 1928 he was elected county recorder and after a commendable four years' service was re-elected in 1932. He is systematic and accurate in the discharge of all of his duties and

his fidelity is attested by his political opponents as well as his political colleagues. For fourteen years he did earnest work as a member of the democratic county central committee and was chairman of the executive committee for the county for many years and also for the East St. Louis city committee. Again and again he has been a delegate to state conventions, where his opinions have carried weight in shaping party policy, and he was active in the organization of the Roosevelt club in St. Clair county.

Mr. Flannagen was married to Miss Alice Schaub, of St. Clair county, and they have many friends in Belleville and throughout surrounding districts. Mr. Flannigen belongs to the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks and also to the Optimist Club.

LOUIS H. TEGTMEYER

Among the postoffice officials of Illinois who have come to their present position under appointment of President Roosevelt is numbered Louis H. Tegtmeier, who is serving as postmaster at Steeleville, Randolph county. A native of Illinois, he was born in Chester, December 12, 1883, a son of Charles F. and Minnie (Thies) Tegtmeier. After acquiring a common school education he spent two years, 1902 and 1903, as a student in Carthage College, a Lutheran institution of Carthage, Illinois. He next spent fourteen years working in the woods in Minnesota and for several years during his business career he was chef at the Sparta Club of Sparta, Illinois. He afterward engaged in farming for two years in Randolph county before appointed to his present position.

All business and personal considerations were put aside by Mr. Tegtmeier at the time of the World war and he enlisted in the navy April 6, 1917. After a brief time spent in training he was put into service and made thirteen trips across the Atlantic. He witnessed the sinking of the battleships Covington and Lincoln and he was mustered out August 20, 1919. He now has membership in the American Legion and is commander of Post No. 480 of Illinois.

On the 10th of July, 1921, in Steeleville, Illinois, Mr. Tegtmeier was united in marriage to Miss Agatha Williamson. His religious faith is that of the Presbyterian Church, in which he is now serving as an elder, and he takes a helpful interest in other branches of the church work. His political support has always been given to the democratic party and he has attended some of its county and state conventions. On the 1st of February, 1934, he was appointed postmaster of Steeleville and is now capably and promptly discharging the duties of the position.

CHARLES E. GUELTIG

Charles E. Gueltig, an outstanding member of the bar of Edwardsville, practicing as a member of the firm of Terry, Gueltig & Powell, was born in Wurttemberg, Germany, May 11, 1875. His father, John Gueltig, passed away in Germany and the widowed mother afterward came to the United States with her children when her son Charles was six years of age. The latter attended the public schools of New Albany, Indiana, where the family home was established, and was also a pupil in the business college there. He afterward removed to St. Louis, Missouri, where he attended the Washington University School of Law, winning his LL. B. degree in 1898. Having thus qualified for the practice of law, he opened an office in St. Louis, where he remained for a year, and in 1900 he came to Edwardsville. He was admitted to the Illinois bar upon examination and in 1901 he was chosen city attorney of Edwardsville, filling the office until 1907. In that year he was appointed corporation counsel and served until 1917, when he put aside all business and personal considerations and joined the army, going to the officers' training camp at Fort Sheridan, where he won a commission as first lieutenant. He was stationed at Camp Taylor and at the University of Minnesota as instructor and later was in charge of the Students Army Training Corps at Jackson, Mississippi. He is



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still a member of the Reserve, with the rank of major. On his return home he resumed the practice of law, in which he has since continued, and is now a partner of C. W. Terry, who is mentioned elsewhere in this work. His practice covers a wide scope, for he is acknowledged one of the strong and able members of the bar of Edwardsville. He was also one of the organizers of the Edwardsville State Bank & Trust Company and is now a director of the Edwardsville National Bank & Trust Company.

Mr. Gueltig has always voted with the democratic party and is well known as a speaker in the various campaigns. Earnest and forceful, he presents his cause with a clearness that carries conviction to the minds of his hearers. He has been a delegate to many state conventions and served as mayor of Edwardsville from 1929 to 1933, during which time he gave to the city a public-spirited administration characterized by many reform measures and progressive enterprises. On one occasion he was a candidate for the office of probate judge. He is a past president of the Edwardsville school board and also of the Chamber of Commerce.

In 1898 Mr. Gueltig was united in marriage to Miss Frances Langwisch, of St. Louis, Missouri, and they are the parents of five children, as follows: Viola, Irma, Winifred, Charlotte and Terry. Fraternally he is connected with the Masonic lodge, of which he is a past master, and he has attained the thirty-second degree of the Scottish Rite and is a Noble of the Mystie Shrine. He likewise belongs to the Knights of Pythias lodge, of which he is a past chancellor, to the Odd Fellows lodge, of which he is a past noble grand, and to the Loyal Order of Moose. He organized the local lodge of the last named and helped initiate William Jennings Bryan into the order in San Diego, California. The family are members of the Presbyterian Church and he takes a keen and helpful interest in every plan or organized movement for the intellectual, political, material and moral progress of his community. Along strictly professional lines his connection is with the Madison County and Illinois Bar Associations and in the field of his profession his labors have been most creditably and resultantly directed.

JULIUS T. SKRYDLEWSKI

Julius T. Skrydlewski, assistant attorney general of Illinois, with offices at 33 North LaSalle street, Chicago, was born in this city, July 1, 1903. His parents, Frank and Lucy (Parowski) Skrydlewski, were also natives of Chicago, and the father is engaged in the real estate and insurance business under the name of the F. M. Skrydlewski Realty Company at Cicero. In their family were four sons and three daughters: Julius T., Isabelle, Marcelle, Albert, Roman, Jerome and Rita, of which number Marcelle, Albert and Roman have now passed away, the other four being still residents of Chicago.

After attending the Robert Burns public school Julius T. Skrydlewski continued his education in the Blessed Sacrament parochial school of Chicago and in St. Valentine's Roman Catholic school in Cicero. He next enrolled as a student in the Holy Trinity Roman Catholic high school and later attended St. Ignatius Academy of Chicago, where he completed his more specifically literary course. He prepared for the bar as a student in the Chicago-Kent College of Law, which he entered in 1921 and which conferred upon him the LL. B. degree in 1924. He received his license and was admitted to the Chicago Bar Association in October of that year. He has since remained active in practice, making steady progress in his chosen field. He practiced independently until 1929 and then for four years was associated with the state's attorney's office of Cook county. From January, 1933, until March, 1934, he again engaged in private practice, after which he was appointed assistant attorney general by Otto Kerner and in this position is devoting his efforts to inheritance tax work. He not only belongs to the Chicago Bar Association but likewise to the Polish Bar Association.

On the 25th of May, 1927, Mr. Skrydlewski was married to Miss Agnes Wirtel, daughter of Joseph and Helen (Mileski) Wirtel, of Cicero, Illinois. Mr. and Mrs. Skrydlewski have one daughter, Odilia, who was born May 12, 1932. Mrs. Skrydlewski is quite active in democratic politics in Cicero, while Mr. Skrydlewski is a member of the Cicero Regular Democratic Organization and does much to further its interests. He is a fourth degree member of the Knights of Columbus and has served as advocate for Cardinal Council of that order. He likewise belongs to the Polish Roman Catholic Union of America, to the Polish National Alliance and to the Loyal Order of Moose at Cicero, having served as attorney for the last named. He is, moreover, identified with the Security Benefit Association, the National Union of America and with the White Eagle Polish Cavalry. His chief sports are golf and boxing and the activities of his life are thus thoroughly diversified, making him a well rounded man. He is very prominent among the Polish people of the Chicago and Cicero area and exercises a widely felt influence in their ranks.

ZENO G. STOECKLIN

Zeno G. Stoecklin, postmaster of Wood River, was born in Helvetia township, Madison county, Illinois, June 23, 1882, a son of Leonard and Sophia (Steiner) Stoecklin, who are also natives of Madison county. The father is a farmer by occupation and both he and his wife are descendants of families that have long given staunch support to the democratic party.

In the public schools of Highland, Zeno G. Stoecklin acquired his education, continuing his studies as a high school pupil. When fourteen years of age he began working with the firm of C. Cinney & Company, with whom he continued for a number of years. At the age of seventeen he acquired stock in the company and increased his holdings until he was a large stockholder when he severed his connection with the business in 1917. In that year he removed to Wood River and entered the employ of the Standard Oil Company, with which he continued until 1921, when he joined the O. F. Nagle Company, owners of a department store. In 1929 he purchased the entire stock of this firm and continued in business under the name of "Stoecklin's," carrying on the store in a most enterprising manner until July, 1933, when he was appointed postmaster of Wood River.

Mr. Stoecklin has always been active in democratic circles and for several years was a member of the county central committee, being one of the few active supporters of the party in his district. He has been a delegate to many judicial and state conventions and he is now vice chairman of the wage scale committee of the Illinois Emergency Relief.

In 1917 Mr. Stoecklin was married to Miss Kate Hoffman, of Highland, Illinois, and they have two children: Zenore, sixteen years of age, now a high school pupil in Wood River, and Kenneth, aged twelve years. Fraternally Mr. Stoecklin is a Knight of Pyahits and a past chancellor commander of his lodge. He also belongs to the Evangelical Church and his interests have centered in those activities which promote the greatest good for the greatest number.

ELZA T. BARTON

Elza T. Barton, a farmer and grain dealer of Pleasant Hill, where he was born February 27, 1875, is a son of William and Mary (Doman) Barton. The father's birth occurred in Pleasant Hill township, Pike county, June 18, 1834, and when he had attained sufficient age he took up the occupation of farming, which he made his life work. He always gave his political allegiance to the democratic party. His death occurred December 21, 1901, while his wife, who was born in Collinsville, Illinois, November 26, 1841, departed this life May 2, 1918. They were married in 1862.

Their son, Elza T. Burton, was reared under the parental roof and attended the public schools of Pleasant Hill, thus acquiring the elementary educa-

tion which enabled him later to matriculate as a student in Illinois College at Jacksonville, where he continued his studies for one year. In 1896 he established a general merchandise store in Pleasant Hill and conducted it for five years or until 1901, when he sold out and purchased an interest in the Elmore & Lemmon elevator of this place. On disposing of his store he removed to a farm near Pleasant Hill, on which he has since made his home, and he now largely concentrates his time and energies on the grain business. Since 1922 the elevator has been operated under the firm style of Barton & Lemmon and in addition they own and operate an elevator at Nebo. Mr. Barton was also one of the organizers of the Citizens State Bank of Pleasant Hill, has served as a director from the beginning, was vice president from 1918 until 1929 and in the latter year was called to the presidency. In financial matters he displays sound judgment and keen insight and is regarded as a strong and forceful business man, ready for any emergency and at all times using his opportunities to good advantage for the upbuilding of his own interests and those of the community.

In 1896 Mr. Barton was married to Miss Sarah Stewart, a daughter of J. C. Stewart, of Pike county, Missouri. They now have a family of nine children, namely: Stewart Bryan, who lives on a farm near Pleasant Hill, Illinois; Carl Lee, at home; Dema, who is the wife of M. T. Wells, of Pleasant Hill; Ruth Evelyn, who is deputy in the office of the state treasurer at Pierre, South Dakota; Clarence C., a resident of St. Louis, Missouri; Olaf T. and Ralph L., both at home; Velma Curtis, the wife of Clinton H. White, of Bloomington, Illinois; and Arvid W., at home. Mr. and Mrs. Barton have a large family of whom they have every reason to be proud and they have given to their sons and daughters the advantages of college education.

Mr. Barton has taken an active part in democratic affairs throughout his life, has attended many congressional, judicial and state conventions, and for a quarter of a century he served on the Pike county central committee as committeeman from Pleasant Hill precinct. His position in political circles is one of leadership, his opinions carrying weight among his colleagues and contemporaries. Fraternally he is a Mason, with membership in the lodge at Pleasant Hill, the Royal Arch chapter at Pittsfield and in the consistory at Quincy. His activities as farmer, stockman, cattle feeder, grain dealer and banker have not only promoted his prosperity but have constituted important features in the general upbuilding of his section of the state.

HAYDEN WALKER

For fifteen years actively interested in democratic politics, Hayden Walker is now assistant managing officer of the Jacksonville State Hospital. A native of Scott county, Illinois, he was born April 12, 1895, his parents being George R. and Laura E. (Wiser) Walker. The father was born in Scott county, this state, February 17, 1861, and the mother's birth occurred in Macoupin county, Illinois. George R. Walker was a farmer in Scott county throughout his active business life and he always gave his political support to the democratic party, having firm faith in its principles as factors in good government.

Hayden Walker attended the public schools of his native county, then entered high school at Winchester and afterward continued his education in the Western Illinois State Teachers College at Macomb, Illinois. Taking up the profession of teaching, he was thus associated with the rural schools of Scott county for six years. He had been teaching for four years when he entered the United States Army, with which he served from June 26, 1918, until January 14, 1920. After leaving the army he resumed teaching, which he again followed for two years, and on the expiration of that period he became associated with the Lukeman Motor Company of Jacksonville, spending four years as a salesman in that employ and afterward acting as sales manager of the business for seven years. His broad and comprehensive training and experience in that con-

nection well fitted him for the duties that now devolve upon him as assistant managing officer of the Jacksonville State Hospital, to which position he was called on the 15th of February, 1933. His interest in politics has been manifest in a tangible activity for fifteen years. He has always supported the democratic party and his labors have produced desired results. In 1926 he was elected committeeman from the twelfth precinct and has been re-elected at each succeeding two-year period. In 1930 he was made secretary of the Morgan county democratic central committee and continued in the office until April, 1934. In 1930 he became district chairman of the Illinois Veterans League, and early in 1932 he organized the Morgan County Jeffersonian Club, of which he has continuously been president. This organization has an active membership in every precinct of the county and is doing important work in getting out the vote and promoting democratic successes.

On the 26th of May, 1918, Mr. Walker was married to Miss Dovie Hart, a daughter of Golden and Sadie Hart. Their children are Veta Mae and Ernest Howard. Mr. Walker is a member of the American Legion, the Forty and Eight and the Knights of Pythias, and he also has membership in the Central Christian Church of Jacksonville—a connection that indicates the rules that govern his conduct and makes him a man whom to know is to esteem and respect.

PETER H. JOERGENSEN

Peter H. Joergensen, county supervisor of St. Clair county and well known in labor circles as business agent of the Carpenters' Union, makes his home in East St. Louis, where he was born August 9, 1896. His father, George C. Joergensen, was born in St. Louis, Missouri, and in childhood crossed the river to become a resident of Illinois, where he has been active in business as a carpenter and builder. He married Clara Croissant, a native of East St. Louis.

Peter H. Joergensen attended St. Elizabeth's parochial school of this city until his graduation and has since pursued extension courses in sales and architecture. He learned the carpenter's trade under his father's direction and his active business life has been devoted to carpenter work and contracting. All personal and business considerations, however, were put aside at the time of the World war and he entered the service in November, 1917, as a member of the Two Hundred and Twenty-second Aero Squadron at Scott field. He was overseas for thirteen months in England and in France and in the latter country was armorer and field observer. He now holds membership with the American Legion and is very active in the Veterans of Foreign Wars, having served as chairman on many committees.

Following his return to civilian life Mr. Joergensen became affiliated with Local No. 169 of the Carpenters and Joiners of America and in recent years has been most closely associated with the activities of organized labor. Since 1930 he has been a member of the board of trustees for the Central Trades and Labor Union and for the past year has been a delegate to the Building Trades Council. On the 10th of July, 1933, he was made business manager of the order and has since acceptably served in that capacity. Greatly interested in politics as well, he has served as a member of the county board of supervisors since 1931 and as such was a member of the committee to call on the governor and urge him to appoint a group of citizens as a county relief committee. In the organized work of his party he has been most active. He served for six years as democratic committeeman from the eighty-third precinct of East St. Louis, was a delegate to the judicial convention at Mount Vernon and was an alternate to the state convention in Springfield in 1932. In 1934 he was a candidate for the nomination for the legislature and ran third in East St. Louis on a list of seven candidates. He has done much effective work in behalf of public improvement and civic progress. He was chairman of the Federated Improvement Association of East St. Louis, composed of eleven different organizations whose object was to bring about better results in city upbuilding. He has acted as chairman of the



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Outer State Street Improvement Association and he organized the St. Clair County Utility Rates League for the purpose of securing a reduction in utility rates, his labors resulting in a seven and one-half per cent reduction in light and power. At the present time he is working on the water rates, and it is characteristic of Mr. Joergensen that he never stops short of the successful accomplishment of his purposes.

In 1925 Mr. Joergensen was married to Miss Agnes Murphy, of East St. Louis, and they became parents of four children, but Lawrence has passed away. The others are Leo Peter, Robert George and Mary Agnes. Mr. Joergensen is a member of the Loyal Order of Moose and has many qualities which render him popular among his friends and acquaintances. He occupies an enviable position as a citizen and is widely known as a tireless civic and political worker.

GEORGE GEBBEN

George Gebben, assistant cashier of the Bank of Brussels and a substantial and well known citizen of Calhoun county, was born in New York City, November 30, 1897, but has spent practically his entire life in Brussels, Illinois, where he attended the public schools for two years. He then matriculated in St. Mary's Catholic school here and was numbered among its pupils for eight years. He next entered Brown's Business College at Alton, Illinois, from which he was graduated October 15, 1916. Thus qualified by liberal education for the duties and responsibilities of life, he secured the position of assistant cashier in the State Bank of Brussels on the 6th of April, 1917, and has since been connected with the institution. His experience and study have gained him a broad knowledge of the banking business and his labors are a contributing element to the continued success of this institution which he represents.

Mr. Gebben is a member of the Catholic Church and of the Western Catholic Union. In politics he has always been a staunch democrat, voting for the party from the time he attained his majority. In 1932 and 1933 he served as secretary of the Calhoun county democratic central committee and his powers of organization and direction were brought to play in controlling the destinies of the party at that time.

JOSEPH A. TROY, JR.

Appointed assistant attorney general by Otto Kerner in 1933, Joseph A. Troy, Jr., has been actively engaged in law practice in East St. Louis since 1921 and in this thirteen-year period has made steady and substantial progress. He was born in Homestead, Pennsylvania, September 22, 1895, and is a son of Joseph A. and Ellen (O'Hara) Troy, the former a native of Scotland, the latter of Ireland. The father became a steel worker in America following his emigration to the new world and his study of the political situation led him to give his support to the democratic party.

In 1900 the family removed to East St. Louis and Joseph A. Troy, Jr., then a lad of five years, later attended the public and parochial schools here. He afterward became a student in the St. Louis University High School and then attended the College of Arts and Sciences of St. Louis University, which conferred upon him the Bachelor of Arts degree in 1919. Before his course was completed, however, Mr. Troy entered military service in 1917 in the First Field Signal Battalion of the Second Division. He went overseas and participated in several major engagements, including the hotly contested battle of Belleau Wood. He was injured in June, 1918, and was in a hospital from that time until April, 1919, when he was discharged.

Following his return home Mr. Troy entered the St. Louis University Institute of Law and received his LL. B. degree in 1921. Admitted to the Illinois bar, he entered upon active practice in East St. Louis with the firm of Pope & Driemeyer and this connection has since been maintained. In February, 1933, he was appointed assistant attorney general by Otto Kerner and is performing

the duties of that office in addition to the work of his private practice. He keeps in touch with the high purposes and objectives of the legal profession through his connection with the East St. Louis Bar Association, of which he is the secretary, and his membership in the Illinois State Bar Association.

On the 27th of November, 1930, Mr. Troy was married to Miss Laura McCarthy, a native of Kansas City, Missouri, and they have one daughter, Rose Mary. Both Mr. and Mrs. Troy are actively interested in politics, she being a member of the East St. Louis Democratic Women's Club. Mr. Troy has been elected a delegate to several of the state conventions and is frequently heard as a campaign speaker, addressing the public on the vital issues of the day. He is a fourth degree member of the Knights of Columbus and his college fraternity is the Delta Sigma Phi. He also belongs to the American Legion and is a past adjutant of his post. His sterling traits of character make for warm friendships and his constantly developing legal powers have made for steady progress in his profession.

OTTO BISMARCK GERLACH

Otto Bismarck Gerlach, inspector for the department of conservation of Illinois and a resident of Hillsboro, was born in Osage City, Kansas, April 1, 1880, a son of Philip and Augusta (Schmidt) Gerlach, who were natives of Germany, whence they came to the United States in 1868, the year of their marriage. They first settled in Terre Haute, Indiana, where they remained for two years and then went direct to Osage City, Kansas, where the father, who was a baker by trade, established a bakery business which he conducted for some time. Later he entered the furniture and undertaking business, in which he continued until his retirement from active life. In subsequent years, however, he speculated to some extent in farm properties and other real estate. In 1916 he passed away, having survived his wife for about four years, her death having occurred in 1912.

Otto B. Gerlach attended the schools of his native city, spending almost three years as a high school pupil, after which he started out to provide for his own support by clerking in stores. At the early age of seventeen years, however, he established a restaurant and confectionery business in Osage City, conducting it for about four years. He afterward became a locomotive engineer in the employ of the Chicago Great Western Railroad Company, but following a brief period he joined the firm of Bacon & Pettibone, railroad contractors, with whom he remained for two years, while subsequently he spent a similar period with McArthur Brothers, who were also railroad contractors. He then went to Kansas City, where he worked as a stationary engineer with the Phelps Stone & Supply Company for a year. In 1907 he arrived in Hillsboro, Illinois, where he became a machine operator in the coal mines, thus continuing until 1930, when he was seriously injured, having both legs broken. His appointment to his present position as an inspector in the department of conservation came to him on the 1st of April, 1933, and he has since acceptably served in this capacity.

In 1904 Mr. Gerlach married Miss Dora Myrtle Logsdon, a daughter of John W. and Amy C. (Beeler) Logsdon, both of whom were American born. Her father was a successful farmer of Montgomery county, Illinois, for many years but is now living retired at the age of eighty-three. His wife passed away in 1926 and was laid to rest in a cemetery near Hillsboro. Mr. and Mrs. Gerlach have two children: Helen Irene, who was graduated from the Illinois State Normal University of Normal, and is now teaching in Hillsboro and who is also an accomplished pipe organist and pianist; and Otto B., Jr., who was graduated from the University of Illinois as a Civil Engineer and is now filling a position as state engineer. Mr. Gerlach and his family hold membership in the Presbyterian Church at Hillsboro. Mr. Gerlach belongs to Mount Moriah Lodge, No. 51, A. F. & A. M., of Hillsboro, of which his son is also a member, while his

daughter is connected with the Eastern Star. The son likewise belongs to the Theta Alpha fraternity and the Mu San, Theta Tau, A. S. C. E. Aside from his Masonic connections Mr. Gerlach is affiliated with Montgomery Lodge No. 40 of the Loyal Order of Moose and with the Independent Order of Odd Fellows. His political allegiance has always been given to the democratic party and he has continuously served as precinct committeeman since 1922. For two years he was secretary of the county committee, was elected chairman in 1930 and in 1934 declined to be a candidate. He has worked consistently for party successes, with firm belief in the cause which he espouses, and no one has ever questioned his faithfulness in any matter of citizenship.

JOHN W. THOMPSON

John W. Thompson is not only widely known as proprietor of the Arlington Hotel in Galesburg but also as one of the foremost democrats of Knox county. Born in Galesburg, March 29, 1876, he is a son of William and Sarah (Carnaghan) Thompson. The father, a native of Ireland, was born in 1828 and came to America alone when a youth of sixteen years, settling first in New York City, where he met and married Sarah J. Carnaghan, who was born in Edinburg, Scotland. During the Civil war period he worked in the United States ship yards as a boiler maker in New York, and in 1869 he came to Illinois, establishing his home in Galesburg, where he spent his remaining days, his death occurring in 1889. The family still resides on the same lot that the father purchased at the time of his arrival here. He was identified with industrial activity in this city, serving for many years as boiler inspector for the Chicago, Burlington & Quincy Railroad.

John W. Thompson attended the public schools of Galesburg and has spent practically his entire life here. During the past thirty years he has been connected with the hotel business and is now manager and proprietor of the Arlington Hotel. In the fall of 1933 he was appointed receiver for the State Bank of Victoria, for the Wataga State Bank and for the Bank of Altona. Thus various activities claim his time and attention and in business affairs he displays sound judgment and keen discrimination.

Mr. Thompson is a democrat, in sympathy with the activities of the party during the Roosevelt administration, and he belongs to the Knox county democratic central committee. He usually attends the state conventions of the party and for many years has been active among its leaders in Knox county. For fifteen years he served as a member of the city council of Galesburg and was on the election board for a decade. As a member of the city council he served on the committee on streets and was one of the pioneers in promoting the street paving. He was also on the water committee and promoted the drilling of deep water wells. Prompt and faithful in the discharge of all of his public duties, his record commends him to the confidence, trust and further support of the public. He has membership with the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks and he is well known through his business and political connections, while his genial manner and social qualities have gained him many warm friendships.

WILLIAM F. THOMPSON

The hotel interests of Galesburg find a worthy representative in William F. Thompson, who is associated with his brother, John W. Thompson, in the ownership and management of the Arlington Hotel in this city. He was born in New York City, June 10, 1865, and is a son of William H. and Sarah J. (Carnaghan) Thompson, who are mentioned in connection with the sketch of John W. Thompson on another page of this work. The father came to Galesburg, Illinois, in early manhood, was identified with the industrial interests of the city and here reared his family.

William F. Thompson attended the public schools of Galesburg, mastering the branches of learning taught in successive grades, and then when his textbooks were put aside made his initial step in the business world when in young manhood he became a traveling salesman. During the past twenty years, however, he has been associated with hotel interests in Galesburg as one of the managers of the Arlington, which is owned jointly by himself and his brother. He has always been a democrat but has never sought the honors nor the emoluments of public office as a reward for party fealty.

JOHN MILTON YOUNG

John Milton Young, of Louisville, Illinois, who is filling the office of circuit clerk, was born in Clay county, a son of James Preston and Mary Ann (Billings) Young. The father was born near New Castle, Kentucky, but came to Clay county, Illinois, prior to the Civil war and here followed farming and stock raising. To the democratic party he gave stanch and active support. His wife was born in Boone county, Indiana, and became a resident of Clay county, Illinois, while the Civil war was in progress.

John M. Young acquired his early education in the country schools near his father's home and afterward graduated from the Normal Department of the Business College of Flora, Illinois. He then took up the profession of teaching and likewise engaged in farming for fifteen years. In 1922 he entered the real estate field as a broker in Flora and was thus actively engaged in business until he was elected circuit clerk in 1932, having been accorded a large vote which is indicative of the confidence and trust reposed in him by the public. He has ever been a stalwart democrat, supporting the entire ticket, and he attends all of the local meetings of the party. He is likewise a member of the Jeffersonian Club and thus takes part in the concerted action put forth by its members to win democratic successes.

On the 12th of October, 1910, Mr. Young was married to Miss Bessie Pearl Layson, a daughter of Jack and Lorain (Riddle) Layson, who belong to one of the pioneer democratic families of Effingham county. Mrs. Young assists her husband in his official duties as deputy circuit clerk. They hold membership in the Methodist Episcopal Church and both are teachers in the Sunday school, being helpfully interested in the moral development and progress of the community. Their aid and influence are always given on the side of right and they have assisted materially in religious work here.

JOHN F. O'FLAHERTY

With industrial activity in East St. Louis, John F. O'Flaherty has been closely identified for many years and has built up a successful business as a plumbing contractor. A native of Ireland, he was born in Cork, March 27, 1871, a son of Daniel Joseph and Ann (Long) O'Flaherty. The father, who was a professor, always remained on the Emerald Isle.

John F. O'Flaherty pursued his education in Christian Brothers College in the city of Cork, and then attracted by the opportunities of the new world, he came to the United States in 1890 when nineteen years of age, settling first in New York City. He enlisted for service as a member of Company K, Sixty-ninth New York Volunteer Infantry, in the Spanish-American war, the company being known as the "Fighting Irish" Company. He served from April until December, 1898, and he is now a member of the Spanish-American War Veterans, in which organization he has filled the office of camp commander. He attended the national conventions of the society at Havana, New York, St. Louis and Chicago as a delegate and he has been very active in the order. In 1934 he represented Illinois at the national convention held in Pittsburgh.

It was in 1904 that Mr. O'Flaherty came to East St. Louis, where he began work as a journeyman plumber. He has taken a very prominent part in organized labor movements and was secretary of the Central Trades and Labor Union,



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while for six years he previously served as secretary of the Building Trades Council. He has also been special representative of the American Federation of Labor in this district and has attended all of the conventions of the organization as representative from this district. In 1920 he was appointed plumbing inspector of the city of East St. Louis and served for two years, while from 1922 until 1932, he was executive secretary and treasurer of the East St. Louis Master Plumbers Association and the East Side Heating and Piping Contractors Association, which is composed of members from East St. Louis, Belleville, Alton, Edwardsville, Granite City and Wood River. He has represented these organizations in all of the national conventions for ten years and in 1932 he entered the plumbing contracting business on his own account in East St. Louis, his establishment being at 2101 State street.

Since his arrival here Mr. O'Flaherty has been active in the democratic party and in 1912 was elected circuit clerk of St. Clair county, being one of only two democrats in the county to be re-elected in 1916, his term of office covering eight years. He managed the campaign for Louis Zerweek in 1928 and he has always been a most earnest party worker, serving as a delegate to many judicial and state conventions through the last thirty years.

On the 16th of April, 1893, Mr. O'Flaherty was united in marriage to Miss Mary Keane, of New York City, and to them have been born nine children, namely: John J., of East St. Louis, who served in the United States Army at the time of the World war; Jennie, who is a stenographer in the office of the state's attorney; May, deceased; William, who has also passed away; Thomas, of East St. Louis, who served in the World war with the American Expeditionary Forces in France and was twice wounded; Edward, of East St. Louis; Francis and Daniel, twins, who are associated with their father in business; and Patrick, deceased.

Mr. O'Flaherty belongs to Lodge No. 664 of the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks, to the Ancient Order of Hibernians, of which he was the first president in East St. Louis, and to the Knights of Columbus. He has been marshal of every Decoration Day parade held in this city and at present he is adjutant of Nelson A. Miles Camp, No. 61, of the United Spanish War Veterans. His interests are broad and varied and have closely touched the public welfare. At all times he stands for progress and improvement and his aid can be counted upon to further any project for the general good.

FLOYD J. LOGUE

Floyd J. Logue, who has been connected with many important business enterprises in Shelby county and is now the nominee for county clerk, makes his home in Shelbyville. His entire life has been passed in this section of the state, his birth having occurred in Bowling Green township, Fayette county, Illinois, April 29, 1892, his parents being Joseph E. and Ada (Hicks) Logue, both of whom were natives of Illinois. The father, now deceased, was born in Effingham and became a farmer of Bowling Green township, Fayette county, where for many years he devoted his attention to tilling the soil. His wife was born in that township and there they were married. She is still living. Joseph E. Logue was active in community affairs and filled the offices of town clerk and supervisor. To him and his wife were born five children, of whom Floyd J. is the eldest. The others are: Loy, the wife of O. V. Nance, who is a wholesale grocer of Decatur, Illinois; Wayne, who married Dorothy Kelliger of Pana, Illinois; Feo, who married Frank Oller, of Taylorville, Illinois; and Dell, who married Mabel Snow, of Herrick, Illinois.

For about six years Floyd J. Logue attended the schools of Bowling Green township and later entered the high school at Herrick, from which he was graduated. About 1912 he started on the road as representative of the Kaskaskia Tobacco Company of Shelbyville, with which he remained for two years. He was then connected with the Loose-Wiles Biscuit Company as city sales-

man in St. Louis for a year, after which he became specialty man for the corporation, covering a number of states during a period of two years' travel. He was next made branch house manager at Louisville, Kentucky, and continued to serve in that important position for three years, at the end of which time he joined the Butterick Publishing Company of New York in the pattern department, remaining in that connection for five years. Subsequently he spent about five years with the McCall Company, during which time he covered twenty-seven states, calling on department stores. When he severed that connection he started in business on his own account as publisher of a real estate bulletin, with headquarters at Shelbyville, Illinois, and developed an enterprise of substantial proportions, winning a very gratifying circulation. In 1929 he disposed of the business to A. H. Wyrick of Shelbyville and then became identified with the Modern Woodmen of America in the work of exchanging certificates from the assessment plan to the present form of insurance handled by that organization, with which he remained until 1932. He next purchased the Moultrie County Mutual Life Insurance Company but sold the business in 1934 to Walter A. Seidler of Neoga, Illinois. Marked enterprise, broad vision, keen foresight and unfaltering determination have always figured in his business activities and his labors have been far-reaching and resultant.

Mr. Logue was united in marriage to Miss Bertha E. Cain, of Cowden, Illinois, and they have become parents of five children. Ruby is the wife of Seldon Moberly, a grain merchant of Shelbyville, and they have one daughter, Shirley Ann. Louis married Gwendolyn Lowry, of Shelbyville. Billie E., Joan and Russell are all at home.

Mr. Logue is a representative of a family that for three generations has given stalwart allegiance to the democratic party. He cast his first presidential vote for Woodrow Wilson. In 1933 he became clerk of the board of review of Shelby county and in the 1934 primaries he was nominated for county clerk. His wife has been active in the democratic women's organization for a number of years and his son and daughter who are married are equally earnest as adherents of the party. Mr. Logue belongs to Jackson Lodge, No. 53, A. F. & A. M., of Shelbyville, and the Modern Woodmen of America. He is an enthusiastic hunter, finding his chief recreation when with his gun he goes into the wide open spaces after game. He has a wide acquaintance in central Illinois and his popularity is indicated in the extensive circle of his warm friends.

OTIS STONE

Otis Stone, a funeral director conducting business as the senior partner of the firm of Stone & Son in West Frankfort, was born in Saline county, near Harrisburg, Illinois, September 10, 1883, the youngest of a family of six children whose parents were Riley and Catherine (Abney) Stone. The father was born in Johnson county, Illinois, in 1849 and devoted his life to the occupation of farming. He usually gave his political allegiance to the republican party but cast his presidential ballot for William Jennings Bryan and for Woodrow Wilson. He was active in the community, supporting every measure for progress and improvement, and he took a helpful interest in advancing educational work. He was also an active and earnest member of the Baptist Church. His wife, of English descent, was born in Saline county, Illinois, and her mother died at the daughter's birth. Her family were very active in democratic ranks and various representatives of the family occupied political positions. A cousin, Albert G., was at one time county judge and also a member of the state legislature, while Levi, another cousin, was postmaster at Harrisburg.

In the acquirement of his education Otis Stone attended the schools of Galatia and the Western Kentucky State Teachers College and Normal School at Bowling Green, Kentucky, then called the Southern Normal School. He likewise was a student for a time in the Bowling Green Business University,

where he won the Bachelor of Arts degree in 1907. He afterward took up the profession of teaching, which he followed in Terre Haute, Indiana, and in Tampa, Florida, then returned to become a teacher in the Bowling Green normal school where he had previously studied. He likewise taught for a time in Arkansas, but desiring to enter upon another field of labor than the pedagogic, he took a course in the Worsham College of Embalming in Chicago, being graduated in 1914. Immediately afterward he entered actively into the business in connection with his brother at Marion, Illinois, but in 1926 came to West Frankfort, where he is in business with his son. His success as a funeral director results entirely from his scientific methods, his businesslike management and his kindness and tact. He also owns much farm land in both Saline and Johnson counties.

In October, 1908, Mr. Stone was married to Miss Etta Baker, a native of Harrisburg, Illinois, and a daughter of Henry Baker, a prosperous German farmer who was a stalwart democrat, interested in all matters pertaining to the welfare and progress of his community. Mr. and Mrs. Stone have two sons: Halder, who was born in 1909 and is now a high school teacher; and Ivan, who was born in 1912 and is associated with his father in business.

Fraternally Mr. Stone is a Mason and has attained high rank in the order, and is indicated by the fact that he is now connected with the Mystic Shrine. He is three times a past master of his blue lodge and is also connected with the Eastern Star. The Lions Club also numbers him as a past president. While not a member, he is serving on the board of the Methodist Church and he is president of the West Frankfort Community High School board, which directs the activities of one of the largest high schools in the state. He enjoys fishing, hunting and croquet and knows that recreation must maintain equilibrium with business to result in an even and steady development. His social qualities make for popularity wherever he is known. In politics he has always been a democrat and served as township collector in 1905, while from 1922 until 1926 he acceptably filled the office of county clerk of Saline county. He was elected precinct committeeman at the April primary of 1934 and the following week was elected chairman of the county central committee of Franklin county and was appointed by Governor Horner on June 29, 1934, as a member of the state board of embalmers which is the highest recognition in his profession.

JUDGE J. C. BRADY

Judge J. C. Brady, who is serving for the eighth term as justice of the peace in East St. Louis, was born in Chicago, Illinois, January 12, 1859, a son of Michael and Margaret (Brady) Brady. The mother was born in Ireland and came to the new world in early life. The father was born in New York and for a number of years was engaged in the taxicab business in Chicago. He died when the Judge was but ten years of age.

The family had removed to St. Louis, Missouri, when J. C. Brady was a little lad of two summers and later the family home was established in East St. Louis, where he attended the Douglas school. At an early age he started out to provide for his own support, his first job being that of carrying water for the workers who were engaged in the building of the Eads bridge, one of the most important engineering projects which up to that time had been promoted in the Mississippi valley. On the 24th of June, 1874, J. C. Brady drove the first horse across that bridge. Later he became driver of the bus which made trips from the foot of the Eads bridge to the stock yards, and when he left that position it was to accept employment with the Adams Express Company, with which he remained for about eight years. He was afterward with the Morris Packing Company for about ten years and engaged in railroad work for three or four years. In 1905 he was called to public office in his election to the position of justice of the peace, in which he is now serving for the eighth term.

Always a staunch democrat, he is regarded as one of the party leaders of

East St. Louis. He has served in various party committee posts, has been a delegate to many state conventions and has done not a little toward shaping the policy and activities of the party in Illinois. In 1908 he was sent as a delegate to the democratic national convention in Denver which nominated William Jennings Bryan, and in 1932 he was again a delegate when Franklin D. Roosevelt was nominated in Chicago.

In 1878, in St. Louis, Missouri, Judge Brady was united in marriage to Mary McCarl and they became the parents of four children, as follows: Charles, a resident of St. Louis; Anna, who is Mrs. William Marshall, of Detroit, Michigan; John, of St. Louis; and Estella, the wife of George Commerow, of Chicago. Following the death of his first wife, Judge Brady married Elizabeth Fogerty and they have a daughter, Florence, who is Mrs. Harry Slingerland. Judge Brady is affiliated with the Knights of Columbus and the Ancient Order of Hibernians, and his social qualities make for popularity, so that he has an extensive circle of warm friends in East St. Louis, where practically his entire life has been passed.

MRS. MARGARET HAWLEY

Mrs. Margaret Hawley, who became acting postmaster at Sandoval in August, 1933, and whose appointment was confirmed on the 15th of February, 1934, has been a lifelong resident of Marion county, Illinois, where her birth occurred April 20, 1893, her parents being W. C. and Ada (Sitherwood) McClelland. Her mother was born in Marion county and both her parents were representatives of families that settled in this section of the state in pioneer times and all have been democrats. Her father, who followed farming until his death, was very active in democratic politics and served for four years as superintendent of the county farm. His wife has also passed away.

Their daughter, Margaret McClelland, attended the public schools of Sandoval, passing through consecutive grades and had two years in the high school. In 1912 she became the wife of G. N. Hawley, a son of Mark and Mary (Teathworth) Hawley. G. N. Hawley is a native of the state of New York and since starting out in the commercial world has engaged in the oil business. In politics he is a staunch democrat and has been active in the party since 1928. Mr. and Mrs. Hawley have become parents of a daughter, Bessie Maurine, born January 20, 1924.

Mrs. Hawley has been active in support of democracy since 1922, doing all in her power to further the interests of the party, and in 1932 she was elected committeewoman. In the same year she organized the Sandoval branch of the Marion County Women's Democratic Club and became its first president, the organization now numbering two hundred members. Mrs. Hawley attends all the county, congressional and judicial conventions and her loyalty to the party received recognition when on the 24th of August, 1933, she was appointed acting postmaster. Since that time she has occupied the position, her appointment having been confirmed February 15, 1934. She takes helpful part in all projects that tend to promote the social, intellectual and moral progress of the community and in 1931-32 was president of the Parent-Teacher Association. She holds membership in the Order of the Eastern Star and the Daughters of Rebekah and has served as past noble grand and past district president. She belongs to the Christian Church, is active in the work of the Sunday school and is a member of the Pollyanna Club.

RUBEN CAROLL THOMASON

Ruben Carroll Thomason, postmaster of Tamms, Alexander county, is giving his support to the democratic party, which has represented the political faith of his paternal ancestors. He was born in Lee county, Mississippi, December 8, 1875. His father, Samuel Thomason, also a native of Lee county, Mississippi was born in 1847 and became a farmer and merchant, devoting his life to those



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two pursuits. At the time of the Civil war he joined the Confederate Army and fought through much of the period of hostilities. While he gave unfaltering allegiance to the democratic party, he was not an office seeker but served as justice of the peace. He reared a large family and passed away in 1925. His wife, who bore the maiden name of Rebecca Jones, was a daughter of Ruben Jones, a farmer and slaveholder, and the family was one of considerable prominence and wealth in Lee county, Mississippi. Mrs. Thomason's brother, Norman Jones, filled the office of county clerk and was active politically but supported the republican party.

The rural schools of his native county afforded Ruben C. Thomason his early educational opportunities, which he supplemented by study in the Mississippi Normal Institute at Sherman, Mississippi, from which he was graduated with the class of 1893. That town is built on land which was once owned by his maternal grandfather. In early life he assisted his father on the farm for a time and also worked in his father's store, after which he took up railroading, which he followed for twenty-six years. In 1910 he arrived in Tamms, Illinois, and was roundhouse foreman for the Mobile & Ohio Railroad Company for twenty years, at the end of which time the position was abolished. He then bought and operated a small farm, which he still owns. On the 1st of January, 1934, he was appointed postmaster of Tamms and is now discharging the duties of that position.

In 1904 Mr. Thomason was married to Miss Hemmans De Witt, of Lee county, Mississippi, whose family are prominent farming people there. Her father votes with the republican party but Mrs. Thomason is a staunch democrat and is active politically as well as socially. She is also a very earnest worker in the Baptist Church, while Mr. Thomason holds membership in the Christian Church at Cairo. They have four children: Clyde, Sam, Helen and Joe, all at home.

Fraternally Mr. Thomason is a Mason, loyal to the teachings and purposes of the craft. He is also a member of the Brotherhood of Railway Firemen and still keeps his seniority in the order. His dominant qualities are indicated in the length of his railway service, for his continued railway connection clearly manifests his faithfulness to the tasks assigned him and the capability which he displays in his work. The same elements characterize his official service and make him a popular postmaster of Tamms.

SIDNEY PARKER

Sidney Parker, who owns and cultivates a farm of two hundred acres two miles east of Texico, Jefferson county, is a representative of the forty-sixth district in the fifty-eighth general assembly of Illinois for the third successive term. He was born in Field township, Jefferson county, Illinois, June 9, 1892, his parents being William K. and Laura (Denison) Parker, the latter of English lineage. Nathaniel Parker, great-grandfather of Sidney Parker, came west to Illinois from North Carolina in 1820 and took up his abode at what was then known as Camp Ground, a few miles west of Mount Vernon, being among the first dozen settlers in Jefferson county. His son, James Parker, grandfather of Sidney Parker, was educated in Illinois and practiced medicine in Jefferson and Clay counties of this state. William K. Parker, the father, is a native of Jefferson county, Illinois, received his professional training at the old College of Physicians and Surgeons in Iowa and has engaged in the practice of medicine in Jefferson county for more than a half century, still maintaining an office in Dix, Illinois, at the advanced age of eighty-three years. Politically he has always been a staunch supporter of the democratic party, to which he has contributed liberally of both his time and means. He has been a delegate to several state conventions of his party and served on the Jefferson county democratic central committee for many years. In early manhood he married Miss Laura Denison, a native of Ohio, who was left an orphan and was reared in Illinois.

Sidney Parker received a public school education in the county of his nativity and subsequently entered the Southern Illinois State Normal University at Carbondale, from which he was graduated in 1916. He next spent two years as a student in the College of Agriculture of the University of Illinois. In 1917 he enlisted in the United States Marines, serving overseas with the Thirteenth Regiment. Following his honorable discharge on the 13th of August, 1919, he engaged in the profession of school teaching in Jefferson and Gallatin counties of Illinois. In 1922 he was elected county superintendent of schools in Jefferson county, serving in that capacity for four years. In 1926, as the democratic nominee for representative of the forty-sixth district in the Illinois legislature, he was defeated by one hundred and forty-six votes. During the three succeeding years he traveled over Illinois in the employ of an educational publishing concern. In the fall of 1928 he was elected representative from the forty-sixth district in the Illinois general assembly, to which he was reelected in 1930 and in 1932, so that he is now serving for the third successive term. He is chairman of the committee on charities and correction and also a member of the committees on education, agriculture, roads and bridges, civil service and military affairs. He has been particularly interested in legislation pertaining to agricultural and educational progress and his record as a lawmaker has fully justified the confidence and continued support of his constituents. Mr. Parker resides on a farm of two hundred acres two miles east of Texico, Jefferson county, Illinois, which he purchased in 1931 and one-half of which is planted to fruit trees.

In 1931 Mr. Parker married Mrs. Veda (Stills) Price, daughter of J. W. and Cora C. (Faunce) Stills. James Franklin Stills, grandfather of Mrs. Parker, removed from South Carolina to Tennessee and thence came to Illinois. He served as a soldier of the Confederate Army during the period of the Civil war. His son, J. W. Stills, the father of Mrs. Parker, is a native of Illinois who conducts a grain elevator in White county, this state, and also figures actively in politics as a supporter of the democratic party. He married Cora C. Faunce, a native of Montrose, Effingham county, Illinois, whose grandparents were born in Lyons, New York. Mrs. Cora C. (Faunce) Stills was a descendant of Noah M. Faunce, who in 1837 settled in Cumberland county, Illinois, and there built the first mill on the Amboy river. By her first marriage Mrs. Parker has a son, William Price, who is a high school student, and by her second husband she has a son, James Sidney Parker. Mrs. Parker is a member of the National Women's Democratic Club and an active worker in the local ranks of the party. Mr. Parker belongs to the Jeffersonian Club and fraternally is identified with the Masons and the Knights of Pythias.

ROBERT EARL BLAYLOCK

Robert Earl Blaylock, conducting a strawberry plant nursery at Anna, has had a somewhat wide and varied business experience calling him to various sections of the middle west. He was born in Baldwin, Illinois, June 8, 1893, and is a son of the Rev. W. D. and Luey (Burrongs) Blaylock. His father was born near Asheville, North Carolina, January 6, 1850, and became a minister of the Southern Methodist Church. The itinerant custom of the ministry led him to new pastorates every four years, so that the family residence was maintained in various towns. He came to Illinois in 1880 and contributed in substantial measure to the moral progress of various communities in which he lived. He was a staunch advocate of the democratic party and at one time served as deputy assessor of Logan county, Illinois. He married Luey Burrongs, who was a representative of an old family of North Carolina but was born in Tennessee. In the maternal line she was connected with the La Flors family who founded the University of North Carolina. In both the paternal and maternal lines Robert E. Blaylock comes of ancestry long closely associated with the democratic party and many of his forebears were Confederate veterans.

Reared in Illinois, Robert E. Blaylock attended the grammar and high schools of Murphysboro and then entered the University of Illinois, where he took up a course in architectural engineering, but after a brief period abandoned his studies there and accepted employment with the Western Electric Company, installing central stations in Missouri, Kansas, Oklahoma and Arkansas. In 1912-13 he was salesman for the Kellogg Sales Company and in 1913-14 was salesman for the Reynolds Tobacco Company. He was then in the service of the Western Electric Company from 1914 until 1916, when he established a variety store in Anna, Illinois. Shortly afterward, however, the Western Electric Company again sought his services and he returned to that corporation, by which he was employed in 1918 and 1919. In the latter year he again came to Anna, where he took charge of the strawberry plant nursery owned by his father-in-law, W. W. Thomas. He is still interested in this business, which is steadily growing in volume and extent, his capable control being manifest in the number of patrons added each year.

In 1915 Mr. Blaylock married Miss Edna Thomas, of Anna, Union county, Illinois, and they have two children: Buddy, who is now a senior in the high school of Anna; and Robert E., Jr. Mr. Blaylock is a Mason and was very active in lodge work before he was elected to the office of sheriff in 1930. He belongs to the Presbyterian Church and he is the president of the Union County Farm Bureau. He is also identified with the Anna Chamber of Commerce and in fact is associated with all civic interests which have to do with the welfare and progress of city, county and state. In 1924 he was in charge of the Union County exhibit in the Furniture Mart in Chicago and won second prize there. It was through the efforts of Mr. Blaylock that the seventy-fifth anniversary of the famous Lincoln-Douglas debate at Jonesboro was held September 15, 1933, and was made a highly successful and memorable event. He is also responsible for the yearly observance of the Woodrow Wilson Memorial. He has no hobbies unless devotion to the democratic party may be so termed.

MILTON D. FORSYTH

Milton D. Forsyth, of Mount Vernon, was appointed special agent of the Illinois Liquor Division by Governor Horner in May, 1933, his territory covering seven counties. He is a popular young native son of Mount Vernon, Jefferson county, Illinois, born January 24, 1902, and his parents, W. T. and Lucy (Dewey) Forsyth, are also natives of this county. His paternal grandfather, James Forsyth, a native of Edinburgh, Scotland, crossed the Atlantic to the United States, settling in Jefferson county, Illinois. W. T. Forsyth, the father of Milton D. Forsyth, has since 1900 been actively engaged in merchandising at Mount Vernon, where he is accorded an extensive and profitable patronage as the proprietor of a general store. He is a loyal, active and liberal supporter of the democratic party, figures prominently in civic affairs and has served as a member of the school board for several years.

In the acquirement of an education Milton D. Forsyth attended the grammar and high schools of Mount Vernon, Illinois, and subsequently spent three years as a student at the James Millikin University of Decatur, this state. He was thereafter associated with his father in merchandising at Mount Vernon until assuming the duties of his present position as special agent of the Illinois Liquor Division by appointment of Governor Horner on the 24th of May, 1933. In 1932 Mr. Forsyth had organized the Young People's Democratic Club of Jefferson County, of which he became the first president and has since remained at the head. He is also a member of the Boosters Democratic Club and was a delegate to the state convention of Young Democrats in Springfield, Illinois.

On the 9th of June, 1926, Mr. Forsyth was united in marriage to Miss Beatrice Verner, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Verner, of Clinton, Illinois. Mr. and Mrs. Forsyth are the parents of a son, Milton Dewey. They attend

the services of the Methodist Church. Mrs. Forsyth is an active supporter of the democratic party and has membership in the Women's Democratic Club of Jefferson County.

HILDA THIES

Hilda Thies, who is serving as postmaster at Campbell Hill, was here born on the 11th of July, 1910, her parents being Edward and Emma (Kueker) Thies. Her father is a stalwart democrat who is serving as a committeeman from his precinct, and he has also filled the office of highway commissioner.

After passing through consecutive grades in the public schools, Miss Thies completed a high school course at Campbell Hill by graduation with the class of 1929. She then secured a position as local telephone operator and so served until she was appointed postmaster of the town. She is one of the youngest to serve in this capacity in Illinois and her appointment came to her on the 16th of August, 1934. This is indicative of the fact that she gives her political allegiance to the democratic party. She belongs to the Lutheran Church and she has many friends in the community where her entire life has been spent.

KENNETH F. KELLY

Kenneth F. Kelly, of Shelbyville, who occupies the office of state's attorney, has the distinction of being the first president of the Shelby County Jeffersonian Club, which was the first club to obtain a charter from the state. Mr. Kelly was born in Tower Hill, Shelby county, Illinois, August 27, 1903, a son of Joseph T. and Louinda (McCoy) Kelly, the former a native of Tennessee, while the latter was born in Illinois. They were married in Shelby county by Truman E. Ames, former county judge, and to provide for his family the father followed the occupation of farming and also engaged in teaching in the rural schools. He passed away in 1910, but is survived by his wife, who is living with her daughter, Mabel Kelly, in Ann Arbor, Michigan.

Kenneth F. Kelly attended the rural schools near his home and spent his youthful days in the usual manner of the farm-bred boy, dividing his time between the work of the schoolroom, the labors of the fields and the pleasures of the playground. He afterward entered the Shelbyville high school, from which he was graduated in 1920. He then devoted his attention to farming until September, 1923, when he entered the University of Michigan and devoted two years to the mastery of a literary course, after which he took up the law course and received his LL. B. degree in 1928. Returning to Shelbyville, he entered the office of J. J. Baker, with whom he remained until December, 1932, when he became state's attorney. He is a member of the Shelby County and Illinois State Bar Associations and is now secretary of the former. He has won a substantial measure of success in his practice and his recognized ability in handling intricate and involved legal problems led to his selection for the office of state's attorney.

Mr. Kelly is a representative of one of the old democratic families of this section of the state. His father adhered to that political faith and was supervisor and justice of the peace in Cold Spring township, Shelby county. The son followed in his footsteps, becoming a staunch democrat, and as far as possible his activities have been directed to the upbuilding of the party.

On the 11th of June, 1927, Mr. Kelly was married to Miss Margaret Jackson Garriott, a daughter of Andrew Jackson and Laura (Greenwood) Garriott, both of whom are now deceased. She is descended from old American families. One of her ancestors, John Maddox, received a land grant for his service as a soldier in the Revolutionary war. Her grandfather in the paternal line was for several terms county judge. Her maternal grandfather is still living and, like the Garriott family, is a staunch democrat. Her father was a farmer of Trimble county, Kentucky. The early education of Mrs. Kelly was acquired in Trimble county, Kentucky, and following her graduation from high school she entered the University of Michigan, where she studied for three and one-half years and later



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was employed at the university in connection with the state highway laboratory. Leaving there, she came to Shelbyville, Illinois, and like her husband she has given her endorsement to the democratic party at the polls. Mr. Kelly during his college days was a member of the Lawyers Club. He was formerly connected with the Boy Scouts of America in the capacity of Scoutmaster. At the present time, he is the member for the Fourth Judicial Circuit of Illinois of the Citizenship Committee of the Illinois State Bar Association. He belongs to the Chamber of Commerce and Rotary Club of Shelbyville, and is interested in all those projects which have to do with civic welfare and progress. A broad-minded, intelligent man of high purposes, he is making steady progress in both his professional and political life.

GEORGE T. WEBER, M. D.

In the ranks of democracy in Richland county, Illinois, every profession, business and trade is represented by men of real calibre and high standing, and one of the foremost among those who compose the medical group of the party is Dr. George T. Weber, who is the executive head of the widely-known and modern Olney Sanitarium, the staff of which is composed of himself, his four brothers, and his son.

The birth of Doctor Webb occurred in Jasper county, Illinois, on the 10th of September, 1868, and he is a son of Benedict and Regina (Schaefer) Weber. The father was born in Germany, was there educated and taught the cabinet-making trade. As a young man, he came to the United States and settled in Jasper county, in which locality he followed his trade for a time. Later, he became a carpenter, the opportunity for such work in the newly settled country having been greater, and he constructed a large share of the buildings then erected in that portion of the state. Benedict Weber was a devoted adherent of the democratic party, and held the offices of assessor and tax collector in his township for many years. His wife, Regina (Schaefer) Weber, was born in Gibson, Illinois.

The grade schools and the high school of his native community gave to Doctor Weber his early education, and he supplemented these courses by two years of teaching. Having chosen the professional field for his future labors, he then entered Washington University of St. Louis, and this institution conferred upon him the Doctor of Medicine degree in 1894. Following the customary procedure of a young medical graduate, Doctor Weber then served a year's internship in St. John's Hospital of St. Louis, and in 1895 began practice in Ingraham, Illinois. His success was immediate and his services became much in demand, with the result that in 1898 he came to Olney and established the medical center which is known as the Olney Sanitarium. This is a most modern and thoroughly equipped institution with a capacity of seventy-two beds. A commodious office building, clinic rooms, operating and X-ray rooms are up to the minute in every particular and patients are afforded the same opportunity for thorough attention as is given by the leading sanitariums of the country. Doctor Weber's staff of physicians includes his brothers, Dr. Frank, Dr. J. C., Dr. James, Dr. Frank E. and his son, Dr. Bernard Paul. Doctor Weber is a member of the Richland County, the Southern Illinois, and the American medical associations, and is the author of a number of articles on special cases which have been published in the Medical Journal of the American Medical Association.

In the year 1894, Doctor Weber was united in marriage to Miss Elizabeth Hausner of Olney, Illinois, and to their union there have been born thirteen children, namely: Gertrude, who is a graduate of the local schools and the University of Illinois, is the wife of Z. N. Gassman of Olney, Illinois; Helen, graduate of the local schools and the University of Illinois, is married to D. W. Miller of Olney; Pauline, graduate of the local schools and St. Mary's of Notre Dame of Indiana, is the wife of Lient. Edmond Sebree, who is stationed at

present in the Philippine Islands; Bernard, who finished the Olney schools and graduated from the Washington University of St. Louis with a Doctor of Medicine degree, is now associated with his father in the Olney Sanitarium; Elizabeth, who is a graduate of the local schools and the University of Illinois, is married to Lieut. Frank Schilt, who is mentioned in the biography of his father in this volume; Mary, who received her education in the local schools and in St. Mary's of Notre Dame, where she graduated, is wedded to Howard Porter, of Olney; Martha, whose education is identical with that of Mary and Pauline, is the wife of Robert Wilkinson of Arcadia, Missouri; Dorothy, who finished in the local schools and graduated from St. Mary's of Notre Dame is now Mrs. Phineas Eagleson of Allendale, Illinois; Theresa, who graduated from the Olney High School is now a student at St. Mary's of Notre Dame; Joseph, at present attending Olney High School; Phyllis and Susau, students in the local high school; and lastly, Julia, who is in the grades.

In his religious faith, Doctor Weber is a Roman Catholic and is a communicant of St. Joseph's parish in Olney. He is a member of the Knights of Columbus, in which fraternity he is Past Grand Knight and district deputy. He belongs to the Benevolent Protective Order of Elks, and for six years served as city commissioner of Olney. The doctor has always been steadfast in his loyalty to his home city and county and has manifested a sincere desire to cooperate in all local affairs which tended to benefit the community.

GROVER CLEVELAND BORDERS

For a quarter of century Grover Cleveland Borders has been engaged in law practice in East St. Louis and for three terms has been a member of the state legislature. As both lawyer and lawmaker he made a creditable record, leaving his impress indelibly upon the history of the state and especially upon the records of the bar of southwestern Illinois. He was born in Nashville, Washington county, Illinois, November 3, 1884, and traces his ancestry back to a very early period in the settlement of the state, being a great-grandson of Major Andrew Borders, who settled in Randolph county, Illinois, in 1814, and who had won his commission through service in the War of 1812. The ancestral records of the family can be traced back to a period antedating the Revolutionary war. James J. Borders, son of Major Borders, was a very prominent and wealthy banker, miller and landowner of Randolph county. The allegiance of the family to the democratic party dates from the days of Thomas Jefferson. James J. Borders, son of James J. Borders, Sr., was born in Randolph county, Illinois, and married Ada McCormick, a descendant of a long line of democrats of the southwestern part of the state.

Their son, Grover C. Border, pursued his education in the public schools of Nashville until graduated from the high school and afterward studied for a year in McKendree College at Lebanon, Illinois. This completed his more specifically literary course and he then entered upon preparation for the bar in the law school of the University of Michigan, which conferred upon him the LL. B. degree at his graduation with the class of 1907. The same year he was admitted to practice at the bar of Illinois and went to Belleville, where he was associated with a firm of attorneys until 1909, when he opened an office in East St. Louis. Here he has since remained, devoting his attention to the general practice of law, in all branches of which he is well versed. The care and precision with which he has prepared his cases has been one of the strong points in his success and he is now accorded a large and representative clientele. He never aspired to public office until 1928, when he was nominated and elected to the legislature. So creditable was his service in the assembly that in 1930 he was re-elected and again in 1932, and through six years he has done much in shaping the legislative history of the commonwealth. He introduced several bills that would have proven helpful to this section had they been adopted. One of these bills, permitted justices of the peace to have jurisdiction in personal

injury cases up to a certain amount. It was passed by both houses of the legislature but was vetoed by the governor. He served on the judicial and industrial affairs committees and was chairman of the committee on judicial procedure. He has sponsored all administrative measures and is a most loyal adherent of the principles of democracy. For several years he has done effective work as a member of the county central committee and on various occasions has been a delegate to the state conventions.

Mr. Borders' first wife, the mother of his children, passed away in 1930. His family numbers two sons and four daughters, namely: John, who is twenty-one years of age; James, a youth of fifteen years; June, aged twelve years; Dixie, who is ten years of age; and Katherine and Norma, who are eight and six years of age, respectively.

Fraternally Mr. Borders is affiliated with the Eagles and the Elks and enjoys the social activities of those orders, while along strictly professional lines his connection is with the East St. Louis and the Illinois State Bar Associations. It is in the field of law practice and lawmaking that he is best known and his position at the bar is an enviable one.

HARRY M. KING

Harry M. King, who has continuously been in public office since 1927 and is now circuit clerk of Lawrence county, was born May 4, 1904, in the county which is still his home and which was also the birthplace of his parents, William W. and Lillie (Miller) King. His mother's people came to Lawrence county, Illinois, from Ohio in 1855, while the King family came from Kentucky in 1851. William W. King is now a real estate broker at Sumner, this county, and is a well known and forceful worker in democratic ranks, having long taken an active and helpful interest in the party cause. He served as committeeman of Christy township for thirty years, has filled many of the township offices and has been a member of the city council of Sumner and a member of its school board. He has acted as delegate to nearly every state, congressional and judicial convention in the last thirty years and is widely recognized as a forceful and valuable member of the party in Illinois. His wife passed away in 1918.

In the schools of Sumner, Harry M. King pursued his education and after leaving high school entered Brown's Business College at Centralia, Illinois, from which in due course of time he was graduated. Later he was employed in a bakery in Sumner but left the commercial field to enter public office when in 1927 he was elected city clerk. The capable manner in which he discharged his duties and met his responsibilities found tangible proof in his re-election in 1929 and again in 1931. The following year he was nominated and elected circuit clerk of Lawrence county, which office he is now filling. Since age conferred upon him the right of franchise he has been active in democratic politics and has been a delegate to several state conventions in recent years and also to the conventions which have placed circuit judge and supreme judge nominees before the people. He is always out for the support of the entire ticket and has assisted in the organization of the Lawrence County Jeffersonian Club, of which he became a charter member and which has constituted an effective force in winning democratic successes in this district. He is now its president.

In 1932 Mr. King was united in marriage to Miss Marjorie Brown, a daughter of R. N. and Martha (Welton) Brown, representatives of a pioneer democratic family of Lawrence county. They now have one child, Harriet Marie. Mrs. King, like her husband, has been active in democratic politics and is a member of the Jeffersonian Club. Fraternally Mr. King is affiliated with the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks, the Independent Order of Odd Fellows and the Modern Woodmen of America. He has been very active in the Odd Fellows, holding all local offices, and is now national secretary of the S O S auxiliary. He belongs to the Illinois Circuit Clerks Association and

his cooperation is regarded as a valued factor in any cause which he espouses, for his labors are ever of a substantially resultant character.

HENRY A. MILLER

Henry A. Miller, one of the supervisors of Peoria county and a veteran worker for the cause of democracy, stands at all times for those activities which he believes will be of benefit to the community at large. Moreover, he is one of the representative business men of Peoria, where for thirty years he has successfully engaged in the grain trade.

Born in Peoria, November 26, 1882, Mr. Miller is a son of Aaron and Elizabeth (Ross) Miller. The father, a native of Hamilton, Butler county, Ohio, was a son of Jacob Miller, who was born in Alsace-Lorraine, his native city being Strasbourg. On the maternal side, Henry A. Miller is also of German lineage. His mother's parents lived for a time in New York, but settled in Peoria county, Illinois, prior to the Civil war. Three uncles of Mr. Miller, Alex. John and Charles Miller, served as soldiers in the conflict between the north and the south. Charles Miller was a soldier in the Confederate army, and died in San Antonio, Texas, in May, 1933, at the age of ninety-two years. Aaron Miller, was a wood turner by trade. He lived for many years in Peoria, where he reared his family, numbering ten children, as follows: Frank L., now deceased; Mrs. Clara Schmitt; Ida L.; Mrs. Anna Schwerm; Henry A., of this review; Mrs. Elizabeth Stepzinski; Mrs. Lena Heinz; Leo; and two who died in infancy. Walter Schmitt, a son of Mrs. Clara Schmitt, served in the World war and was on duty in France.

Henry A. Miller pursued his education in the schools of Peoria. He secured his first job in a grain office when he was thirteen years of age, and he was with this same company for thirty years, having held every position in the organization. On his retirement from the grain business he was treasurer of the Tyng Grain Company. He was a member of the Peoria Board of Trade for many years and was vice president of this organization at the time of his retirement from the grain business. Mr. Miller entered the insurance business in 1926 by buying an interest in the Adam J. Kohl Company, and held this interest until the agency was sold. He now carries on a general insurance business in his own name and no one is better qualified to advise clients wisely concerning the nature of the insurance they wish to take out. He thoroughly understands every phase of the business and his enterprise, close application and unremitting energy have brought him a substantial measure of prosperity.

In early manhood, Mr. Miller was united in marriage to Miss Ottie Boyer, a native of Decatur, Illinois, and a daughter of William Frank and Mary (Heil) Boyer. Mrs. Miller is quite active in politics and is a firm believer in democratic principles. Mr. Miller belongs to the Knights of St. George of which he is past president, and to the Von Steuben Verein (German). He belongs to the Poste Travelers Protective Association, of which he has been president and is now a member of the board of directors, which office he has held for a number of years. He is a member of St. Joseph's Roman Catholic Church. Mr. Miller served as town clerk of Peoria township and for many years was tax collector, and since 1927 has been supervisor of Peoria township. His activities in the democratic party cover a period of twenty-seven years. He is making an excellent record in office by the prompt and faithful manner in which he discharges his duties. He has always lived in Peoria county, where he is well known, and the qualities which he has displayed as a business man and as a citizen have ever commended him to the high regard and goodwill of those with whom he has associated.

JAMES K. FIELD

James K. Field, assistant manager of the Galesburg Free Employment office, has been a lifelong resident of the city in which he makes his home. He was born here April 25, 1909, and is a son of Fred W. and Hannah (Smith)



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Field, the latter born in Sweden, December 22, 1882. The father, who was born in Gladstone, Illinois, January 26, 1876, was for twenty-two years connected with the police force of Galesburg but is now living retired, enjoying a rest which he has truly earned and richly merits.

His son, James K. Field, after attending the public schools of Galesburg, enrolled as a student in Knox College and won the Bachelor of Science degree at his graduation with the class of 1931. His interest had already been elicited in behalf of the democratic party and from the beginning he has been an earnest worker in its ranks. On the 8th of November, 1932, he was elected precinct committeeman and two years later was re-elected. On the 1st of March, 1934, he was appointed assistant superintendent of the Galesburg Free Employment Office and this claims the major part of his time and attention at present. His duties are onerous by reason of conditions brought about by the widespread depression and he puts forth every effort to alleviate suffering by providing the labor so necessary as a force in present business upbuilding.

Mr. Field is a member of the Beta Theta Pi, a social college fraternity, and he belongs also to the Fraternal Order of Eagles and to the Methodist Church—connections which indicate much concerning the nature of his interests and the rules which govern his life.

JOHN WESLEY PERRY

John Wesley Perry, superintendent of the State Game Park at Mount Vernon, has been a lifelong resident of Jefferson county. He was born October 24, 1881, a son of John Wesley and Mary Elizabeth (Miller) Perry. The father, a native of Tennessee, came to Illinois before the civil war and settled in Jefferson county, where he enlisted in the infantry branch of the army, serving throughout the period of hostilities and participating in several important battles. After the war he returned to his home and was employed in the shops of the Louisville & Nashville Railroad Company to the time of his death, which occurred in 1883. He was always a staunch democrat, and to the same political faith his wife also adhered. The latter was born in Jefferson county, Illinois, where her people settled in the early '20s, being among the first of the pioneers here. She died in 1914.

John W. Perry was the only son in a family of six children. He acquired his education in the public schools of Mount Vernon and at the age of fifteen years he began to work in the Mount Vernon car shops, where he was employed until 1922. He was afterward with the Mount Vernon Furnace Foundry through the succeeding five years and in 1927 was appointed by Dr. H. M. Swift, then mayor of Mount Vernon, as superintendent of parks, which position he filled from 1927 until 1933. In the latter year Governor Henry Horner appointed him to the superintendency of the State Game Park at Mount Vernon, which contains seven hundred and eighty-four acres and in which from five to ten men are employed. They raise pheasants, quail, turkeys, buffaloes, elk and deer, and Mr. Perry's previous experience well qualifies him for the important duties of his present position. He is a close student of the habits of the fowl and animals in the park and is doing excellent work in connection with their propagation and care.

Mr. Perry has always been a hard-working democrat, laboring untiringly for the success of the party because he believes its platform contains the best elements of good government. He has served as precinct committeeman for twenty-six years and as a member of the democratic county central committee, acting as a member of its executive committee from 1932 to the present time. He was elected on the democratic ticket to the office of city councilman for two terms, served as city oil inspector for two years and has been a delegate to various congressional and judicial conventions. He belongs to the Jeffersonian Club and finds pleasant contact in his association with fellow members of like political faith.

On the 30th of April, 1902, Mr. Perry was married in Mount Vernon to Maud Reed, a daughter of Robert and Mary Reed, representatives of pioneer families of Jefferson county. They have four children, as follows: Helen, who is the wife of Dr. Don Stewart, of Anna, Illinois; Gladys, the wife of James McLaughlin, of Mount Vernon; Leila, the wife of Warren Waite, of Alton, Illinois; and Johnetta, at home. Like her husband, Mrs. Perry is identified with the democratic party, belonging to the Jefferson County Women's Democratic Club, of which she is the second vice president. Mr. Perry is also well known in fraternal circles, being a Mason, an Odd Fellow and a Modern Woodman. He has a wide acquaintance in Jefferson county, where he has always lived, and the respect uniformly accorded him is testimony of a life well spent.

FRED S. LADD

Fred S. Ladd, manager of the Galesburg Free Employment Office, was appointed to his present position by Governor Horner on the 8th of February, 1934. Since assuming his duties he has closely studied the needs, requirements and possibilities of the office and is doing effective work in this field. He came to Illinois from Minnesota, his birth having occurred in Pope county of the latter state September 19, 1888, his parents being William H. and Mary A. (Taylor) Ladd. The mother was born in Augusta, Maine. The father, a native of Vermont, was born July 17, 1841, and died April 10, 1923. He was a veteran of the Civil war, having enlisted from New York in the Union Army, with which he served for four years, participating in many of the hotly contested engagements on southern battlefields. When peace was restored he removed westward to Chicago, where he was employed by General Sheridan. In 1872 he established his home in Pope county, Minnesota.

His son, Fred S. Ladd, was there reared and attended the public schools of Glenwood, while later he continued his studies in the State Teachers College at St. Cloud, Minnesota, being graduated therefrom in 1912. He also studied for two years in the University of Minnesota and in early manhood took up the profession of teaching, devoting eight years to service as superintendent of schools in that state. Illinois welcomed him as a citizen in 1927, at which time he located in Rockford. In 1930 he removed to Galesburg, where he has since made his home, and on the 8th of February, 1934, he was appointed by Governor Henry Horner to a position in the Illinois State Employment Service, which is affiliated with the United States Employment Service. He was made manager of the Galesburg Free Employment Office and has since served in this capacity. He is particularly well qualified for his work and discharges his duties with marked capability. He is not lacking in courage or optimism, is a competent organizer and an untiring worker, and his grasp of the situation has enabled him to do an effective service for the general good.

On the 6th of July, 1912, Mr. Ladd was united in marriage to Mattie Sisson and they are the parents of three children, Byron, Myrthe and Beverly. Mr. Ladd belongs to the Kiwanis Club and to the United Commercial Travelers. He is also an Elk and an Eagle and is perhaps best known as a Mason, for he has taken the degrees of the blue lodge, the chapter and the commandery and is a faithful follower of the teachings of the craft.

EDWARD S. BRATTON

Edward S. Bratton, who was elected circuit clerk of Crawford county on the democratic ticket in November, 1932, and makes his home in Robinson, is a representative of one of the pioneer families of Illinois whose connection with the state dates back to 1812. His great-grandfather, George W. Bratton, arrived in Crawford county from Indiana in that year, settling at Palestine. His son, Samuel Bratton, grandfather of Edward S. Bratton, served with the Union Army through the Civil war. The father, William E. Bratton, was born in Richland county, Illinois, and was a conductor on the Illinois Central Rail-

road for a number of years. He gave stalwart support to the democratic party. His wife, who bore the maiden name of Emma L. Cronnin was of Irish lineage, her people having come from County Cork, Ireland, settling in Crawford county, Illinois, however, long prior to the Civil war, and in this county Mrs. Bratton was born and reared.

Edward S. Bratton, a native son of Crawford county, was here born June 2, 1901. He obtained a public school education in Palestine, completing the high school work there, after which he spent two years as a student in the University of Illinois. He then engaged in clerical work, devoting his time to tasks of that character until called to public office. From his youthful days he felt a keen interest in politics and became an earnest advocate of democratic principles, always supporting the entire ticket. He was one of the organizers of the Crawford County Jeffersonian Club, of which he is still a member. In November, 1932, his party elected him to the office of circuit clerk, in which capacity he is still serving, manifesting at all times a keen sense of responsibility and marked devotion to the interests of the general public. He belongs to the Circuit Clerks Association of the State of Illinois and fraternally is affiliated with the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks and with the Masonic bodies, in which he has attained the thirty-second degree of the Scottish Rite, being a member of the consistory at East St. Louis.

JOHN A. ANDERSON

John A. Anderson, of Albion, who is district quarantine officer, was born in Edwards county, Illinois, May 13, 1870, a son of John W. and Sarah (Grounds) Anderson, who were natives of Kentucky but came to Illinois prior to the Civil war, settling in Edwards county, where the father followed farming. He was a democrat, giving staunch support to the party.

The educational system of Edwards county afforded John A. Anderson his opportunities to master the branches of learning which are so essential to success in later life. After leaving the country schools he began to learn the butter and cheese making trade, which he followed for twenty years. After remaining in the employ of others for some time he purchased the Golden Chief Creamery of Albion and continued to operate it until 1922, since which time he has engaged in fruit raising. His business affairs have been carefully and wisely conducted and substantial results have crowned his efforts, making him one of the representative business men of his section of the state. In addition to his fruit raising interests he was president of the Albion Building & Loan Association and is a director of Graefland Cemetery.

Mr. Anderson has always been interested in democratic politics. Even before attaining his majority he became versed on the political questions and issues of the day and he has always worked for the success of the party and is a recognized leader in its ranks in his native county. For several years he served as precinct committeeman and since 1927 has been chairman of the democratic county central committee of Edwards county. He has attended several state conventions and all the congressional and judicial conventions and he gives his hearty support to the entire ticket. In 1916 his fellow townsmen called upon him to serve as mayor of Albion and he filled the office for a two-year term. He was also a member of the city council for several years and thus has been closely associated with the direction of municipal affairs. In 1933 he was appointed district quarantine officer of the fourth district and is now filling that position.

On the 13th of July, 1892, Mr. Anderson married Miss Maria Jane Gawthorp, a member of a pioneer family of Edwards county. She passed away February 14, 1931. There were six children of that marriage. Ina Myrtle, born July 29, 1893, is the wife of Frank Biggers, of Carmi, Illinois. Eunice Vivian, born August 4, 1895, became the wife of Keith Pardee, of Lansing, Michigan, and is now home advisor of Jerseyville, Illinois. Aline Edith, who was born January 3, 1898, was the wife of Everett Woods and died January

4, 1930. Merle Ivan, born December 13, 1900, is at home. Essie Joseph, born in 1902, is the wife of George Cornell, of Chicago. Willard Randolph, born October 7, 1911, completes the family.

GUY HALE

Guy Hale, a resident of Elizabethtown, who is now serving on the bench of the county court of Hardin county, was born at Karbers Ridge, Illinois, July 21, 1893, and while spending his youthful days in the home of his parents, Henry Alvin and Belle (Williams) Hale, he attended the common schools. Later he continued his education in the Southern Illinois State Normal University at Carbondale, where he pursued a two years' course. Starting out at eighteen years of age he taught school for a number of years in Hardin and Gallatin counties. His political endorsement has always been unfalteringly given to the democratic party and he was elected county treasurer of Hardin county in 1926. In November, 1930, he was elected county judge and is still upon the bench where he has rendered a valuable service to his fellow townsmen by the fairness and impartiality of his decisions. He never lightly regards the responsibility that devolves upon him in this connection and his worth as a judicial officer is widely acknowledged.

Judge Hale enlisted in the United States Navy on the 6th of June, 1918, and was trained in Camp Bremerton, Washington, until the close of the war. In the year following his return from military duty, 1919 he was married to Miss Velma Waggoner. They have three children: Melba Irene, Ruth Elizabeth and Guy, Jr. The religious faith of the family is that of the Methodist Church and Judge Hale belongs also to the Masonic fraternity. He is ever loyal to any cause which he espouses and he stands as a man among men, his entire life having been governed by high and honorable principles whereby he is classed with the citizens of sterling worth in Hardin county.

ORVIL A. DICKINS

Orvil A. Dickins, who now holds the position of investigator for the state department of conservation for Morgan county, Illinois, is a descendant of democratic ancestry and has upheld the traditions of the party through his career with real loyalty and faith.

Mr. Dickins was born in Chapin, Morgan county, Illinois, on the 6th of October, 1896, and is a son of John T. and Alma (Reed) Dickins. John T. Dickins was also a native of Morgan county, his birth having occurred in 1856, and he died in 1915. He farmed during his active life, and was always an active worker in the ranks of democracy. He was for twelve years road commissioner of district No. 4 in Morgan county. Alma (Reed) Dickins was born in Whiteside county, Illinois, in 1859, and still lives on the homestead farm near Chapin. In addition to the immediate subject of this biography, the other children born to John T. and Alma R. Dickins were as follows: William M., now a resident of Chapin; Richard, who lives in Deatur, Illinois; Jessie; and Laura. The family is one of the most substantial and well-established of any in Morgan county, and members of it have always held the respect of the community.

Orvil A. Dickins attended the common schools of Bethel, Morgan county, and lived on the farm with his mother until he entered the United States Army, June 28, 1918. He was attached to Company A, Eighty-fourth Field Artillery, and was in the service until January 19, 1919, when he was honorably discharged. Having laid aside his uniform, he purchased a grocery store and gasoline filling station in Bethel, and was the proprietor of this business until April 15, 1933, on which date he was appointed investigator in Morgan county for the State Department of Conservation. He now resides on the state grounds in Mercedosia, where he has charge of the State Fish Hatchery along with his other state duties. Mr. Dickins first became interested in democratic politics at an early



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age and during the subsequent campaigns has worked unfalteringly for the benefit of the party in his home county.

On the 9th of July, 1917, occurred the marriage of Orvil A. Dickins and Miss Marian Anderson, a daughter of Mrs. Catherine Anderson of Bluffs, Illinois. Mr. Dickins worships in the Christian Church and he is a member of the Meredosia Post, No. 516, of the American Legion.

FLOYD E. MADDEN

Floyd E. Madden has been actively identified with educational and political interests in Jasper county, where he has served as principal of the schools of Willow Hill and where he is now filling the office of postmaster, to which he was appointed in June, 1934. A native son of Jasper county, he was born July 9, 1905, his parents being W. M. and Anna (Davis) Madden, both of whom were also born in this county, where their people settled in 1820. Coming from Indiana, they entered land from the government and began the development of farms upon tracts that had hitherto been uncultivated. W. M. Madden has also continued in the occupation of farming and he is a staunch democrat and well known citizen of his part of the state.

Floyd E. Madden in his youthful days attended the rural schools and then became a pupil in the township high school at Willow Hill. Later he attended the Eastern Illinois State Teachers College at Charleston for a year, and he took up the profession of teaching in the city school, with which he was connected until 1934. He then became principal of the grade school of Willow Hill and has so continued to the present time. He holds to high ideals in his profession and has done most effective work in furthering the educational interests of his locality. In June, 1934, he was appointed postmaster of Willow Hill by President Roosevelt and is the incumbent in this position, which is indicative of the fact that he is a democrat. He has always given stalwart support to the party, voting the entire ticket and doing everything in his power to secure the adoption of democratic principles, in the worth and value of which he has firm belief.

In 1928 Mr. Madden was united in marriage to Miss Opal Payne, a daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Payne, now deceased. Mr. and Mrs. Madden have one son, David L. In his fraternal relations Mr. Madden is a Mason who loyally follows the teachings and purposes of the craft. And along professional lines he has connection with the Illinois State Teachers Association.

EARL B. DICKERSON

Earl B. Dickerson, a representative and successful attorney of Chicago, specializing in corporation and insurance law, has served as assistant attorney general under Otto Kerner since February, 1933. A native of the state of Mississippi, he was born in 1891 and in 1906, when a youth of fifteen years, came to Chicago. He was graduated from Evanston Academy of Evanston, Illinois, in 1909, subsequently spent a year as a student in the liberal arts department of Northwestern University and next attended the University of Illinois for three years, being graduated from the last named institution with the A. B. degree in 1914. His professional training was received at the University of Chicago Law School, which in 1920 conferred upon him the degree of J. D. He was admitted to the bar in 1921 and has continuously engaged in the work of his chosen profession in Chicago to the present time, specializing in corporation and insurance law. His offices are at 35 South Dearborn street.

Mr. Dickerson served as assistant corporation counsel under Mayor Dever from 1923 until 1927 and in February, 1933, was appointed to his present position as assistant attorney general under Otto Kerner. He has been an active factor in civic affairs and has long been a stalwart supporter of the democratic party. He served as manager of the western division (colored voters) in the Davis national presidential campaign of 1924 and four years later, in 1928, was regional director of the Smith-for-President Colored League, having charge of

the organization of colored voters for the states of Illinois, Indiana, Ohio, Michigan and West Virginia. In 1931 he was chairman of the non-partisan south side committee which did such effective work in the Cermak mayoralty campaign and the following year was alternate delegate at large to the democratic national convention in Chicago.

Mr. Dickerson is married and resides in the third ward of Chicago.

LESLIE J. GREENE

Leslie J. Greene, a representative of agricultural interests in Menard county who is largely devoting his attention to stock raising, was born in Oakford precinct, in the northern part of the county, July 28, 1882, his parents being John H. and Julia (Hudspeth) Greene. His people on the maternal side were from Kentucky and became early settlers of Illinois, where the grandfather served as a justice of the peace. Both the Hudspeth and Greene families were connected with agricultural interests and materially aided in the development of central Illinois. The Greene family, like the Hudspeth family, was established here in pioneer times and since that day representatives of that name have borne a helpful part in promoting the development and progress of this district. John H. Greene has largely given his attention to raising cattle and hogs and is one of the best known live stock dealers of the locality.

After attending public school in his native county Leslie J. Greene continued his education in Brown's Business College at Rockford. He was reared to farm life and early became familiar with the best methods of tilling the soil and caring for the crops. Like his father, however, he has given the greater part of his attention to raising live stock, which he handles upon his farm that is situated a little south of Petersburg. He is an excellent judge of the value of both cattle and hogs and his practical and progressive methods have brought substantial results.

In 1905 Mr. Green married Miss Velda Morris, who was born and reared in Petersburg, Illinois, and they are the parents of a daughter and a son, namely: Geraldine, who is the wife of William Guinan, of Springfield, Illinois; and John Edward, at home, a senior in high school.

Mr. Greene belongs to the Presbyterian Church, while his wife is a Christian Scientist. In Masonry he has attained high rank, holding membership in the lodge, chapter, commandery and consistory, and he is one of the officers in the commandery. At all times he is loyal to the teachings and purposes of the craft and Masonry finds in him a worthy representative. In politics he has ever been a democrat and in 1912 became precinct committeeman, in which office he has since served continuously with the exception of two or three terms. He has twice been secretary of the county central committee and four times has been elected its chairman, while from 1932 until 1934 he was vice chairman. In 1925 he was a candidate for the office of county commissioner and lost the election by only sixteen votes in a strong republican county and against a strong republican opponent. In a word he ran far ahead of the usual party strength, the large vote being a tribute to his personal worth and evidencing the feeling of confidence which the public entertains for him.

BESS DOUGLAS

Bess Douglas, a member of the democratic central committee of Montgomery county and a resident of Hillsboro, is of Scotch descent. Her grandfather, William Douglas, came from New Galloway, Scotland, to the United States and journeyed across the continent to Columbia, Missouri, where he entered the contracting business, in which he engaged until his removal to Pike county, Illinois. He established his home near Pittsfield and there continued to engage in farming throughout his remaining days. He became a very extensive landowner and his farms were operated by his sons. He had a family of eleven children, nine of whom reached adult age, namely: Andrew, Mary,

Edmund, Churchwell, John T., William, James, Rufus, Robert, Lucy and Eliza. All are now deceased. Of this family Dr. Edmund Douglas was born near Columbia, Missouri, and his professional title indicates the business to which he devoted his life. He married Illinois Phillips, who was born on a farm in Montgomery county, this state, a daughter of Burrell and Julia Phillips. The latter was born in Hagerstown, New Jersey, and came to Illinois with her parents when sixteen years of age. Burrell Phillips was born in Louisville, Kentucky, whence he removed to Illinois. Dr. and Mrs. Edmund Douglas became the parents of the following named: Robert, Mary Jeannette, Hoyt Archie and Durban, all of whom are deceased; and Bess.

The last named obtained her education in the Hillsboro schools, passing through consecutive grades to the high school, in which she completed her course. For seventeen years she assisted her father and brother, H. A. Douglas; in the drug store, and association with them and discussion of the political problems and questions of the day lead her to endorse the principles of the democratic party. Long before she attained her majority she campaigned for the party, and since women have been accorded the right of franchise she has been one of the most active party workers in the state. She was the first secretary of the women's democratic organization of Illinois. She then became president of the county organization and has attended all of the district and state conventions, serving again and again as a delegate to the latter. She has been district chairman of various committees and she is thoroughly informed concerning political questions and the attitude of the party upon any vital situation. With about six other women she aided in forming the Montgomery county women's organization, being associated in this work with Miss Adele Phillips, Mrs. Arthur H. Bartlett and Miss Ottie Gannon, all of whom are still very active therein.

Aside from her political work Miss Douglas has for thirty-five years been a helpful member of the Eastern Star and is an earnest and consistent member of St. Paul's Evangelical Lutheran Church, taking an active part in the Young Ladies' League of the church, of which she has been president. She has also been worthy matron of the Eastern Star and president of the Business and Professional Women's Club of Hillsboro. She is a charter member and stockholder in the Hillsboro Country Club and a member of the Women's Democratic Club. She is a charter member of the Butler Grove Household Science Club, which organization is one of the oldest in the state; is a member of the Oak Grove Cemetery Association Board and president of the household science section of the Montgomery County Farmers Institute. Hers has been a most active and useful life. Every cause which she espouses receives her earnest endorsement and support and she is continually extending a helping hand to those in sickness or in trouble, being actuated by a most laudable purpose of helping those who need assistance, and she has found with Emerson that "to win a friend is to be one."

MICHAEL MALONE

Michael Malone, who was appointed an inspector in the state oil department in February, 1933, has been successfully engaged in business as head of the Malone Coal Company of Gibson City during the past twelve years. He was born in Appleton, Wisconsin, October 17, 1870, his parents being James and Ellen (Maher) Malone, also natives of Wisconsin. The father followed farming as a life work and politically was a democrat, being an active worker in local party ranks.

Michael Malone acquired his education in the public schools of his native city and in young manhood obtained a position as dry-goods clerk in Appleton, Wisconsin, where he was thus employed for ten years. On the expiration of that period he went to Milwaukee, where he remained in the service of the

Kruger Dry Goods Company for two years. He was next connected in a clerical capacity with a dry-goods firm of Hoopeston, Illinois, and in 1909 he came to Gibson City, where he established the Variety Store, which he conducted very successfully until 1922. In the latter year he sold his interests in the establishment and embarked in the coal business at Gibson City, in which he has continued to the present time under the name of the Malone Coal Company, developing an enterprise of extensive and profitable proportions.

Aside from his business activities Mr. Malone has figured prominently in local politics as a member of the democratic county committee in Ford county during the past twenty years and has served as its chairman for eight years of that period. He was elected an alternate delegate to the democratic national convention of 1932 and has been a delegate to practically all state conventions of his party during the past quarter century. He has twice allowed his name to be used as a candidate for the office of county coroner in order to fill out the democratic ticket when the republican majority precluded election. Mr. Malone served on the city council of Gibson City for two years, was the democratic member of the Ford county board of review for twelve years and served on the school board of Gibson City for eight years. He was appointed an inspector in the state oil department in February, 1933, and has since discharged the duties of this position in a most efficient and acceptable manner.

In 1909 Mr. Malone was united in marriage to Miss Margaret Thomas, of Oshkosh, Wisconsin. They have no children of their own but have reared and educated three orphans. Fraternally Mr. Malone is affiliated with the Knights of Pythias, while his religious faith is indicated by his membership in the Presbyterian Church, of which he has served as trustee for several years and to which his wife also belongs.

VICTOR E. FURMAN

Victor E. Furman, secretary of the Saline County Jeffersonian Club and a practicing attorney of Harrisburg, Illinois, since 1931, was born at Harrisburg, July 26, 1906. His parents are Ownly Furman, an attorney of Harrisburg, and Ethel (Hallock) Furman, now deceased. He pursued his education in the Lebanon, Ohio, public schools and graduated from the Lebanon high school with the class of 1924. He continued his education at the James Millikin University, receiving the Bachelor of Arts degree in 1928. He next matriculated at the Harvard Law School and was accorded the LL. B. degree upon his graduation in 1931. Returning to Illinois he opened an office in Harrisburg and has since been engaged in the practice of law there.

The 4th of January, 1933, witnessed the marriage of Mr. Furman and Miss Eleanor Scott, of Harrisburg. They occupy an enviable social position in Harrisburg. Mrs. Furman is an Episcopalian and Mr. Furman is a member of the Presbyterian Church. They reside at 215 College Street, Harrisburg, Illinois.

Mr. Furman is affiliated with the Harrisburg Kiwanis Club, the Eldorado Lions Club, Sigma Alpha Epsilon, the Hudson Law Club of the Harvard Law School, and other organizations.

Mr. Furman is now title attorney with the department of agriculture with offices in Harrisburg. His work is in connection with the acquisition of forest lands in Illinois. He was nominated for county judge on the democratic ticket in the spring of 1934, resigning to accept the position of title attorney, U. S. D. A. He was also formerly county attorney for the Home Owners Loan Corporation.

Mr. Furman has always been a stalwart advocate of democratic principles and is doing important work in Saline county. He believes in thorough and systematic organization and his work in this connection is far-reaching and effective.



VICTOR E. FURMAN

DALE ELLIOTT HYETT

Dale Elliott Hyett has spent the greater part of his life in Mercer county, Illinois, although he was born in Laurel, Iowa, November 12, 1902, his parents being Daniel and Florence (Elliott) Hyett, who many years ago resided in Mercer county, whence they removed to Iowa. After spending ten years in the Hawkeye state, however, they returned to Mercer county, again establishing their home here in 1909. The father engaged in farming until 1922, when he was elected county sheriff on the democratic ticket, filling the office for four years. He is now chief of police of Aledo and he has ever been a stalwart democrat, working consistently for the party and its success. Both he and his wife remain residents of Aledo and are widely and favorably known throughout Mercer county. Daniel Hyett is affiliated with the Masonic fraternity and in his life exemplifies the beneficent spirit of the craft.

Dale E. Hyett was only about seven years of age when his parents returned to Mercer county and here he acquired a public school education. He was reared in the usual manner of the farm-bred boy who divides his time between the cultivation of the fields and attendance at school. When his textbooks were permanently put aside he concentrated his entire attention upon farming and continued in that business until 1932. On the 8th of February, 1933, he was appointed highway maintenance patrolman and is now discharging the duties of that position.

On the 17th of July, 1926, Mr. Hyett was united in marriage to Miss Ruby Ashley, of Mercer county, and they are the parents of four children, as follows: Eloise; Jean and June, twins; and Mary Ann. Mr. Hyett is a member of the Masonic fraternity and of the Methodist Episcopal Church and is ever loyal to the teachings and purposes of both organizations. His sterling traits of character are many and the friendship entertained for him is attested in the terms of high regard in which everyone speaks of him.

HOMER H. WILLIAMS

One of Hancock county's prominent young lawyers is Homer H. Williams, of Carthage, now assistant to Illinois' attorney general, Otto Kerner. He was born in Quincy, Illinois, April 3, 1894, a son of Homer G. and Minnie (Hanson) Williams. The mother was born in Elvaston, Illinois, October 12, 1870, and died in January, 1929. The father's birth occurred in Bear Creek township, Hancock county, Illinois, July 13, 1863. For a period of eighteen years he was in the railway mail service with the Chicago, Burlington & Quincy Railroad. In 1901 he organized the Peoples State Bank of Hamilton, of which he served as cashier until about 1928 and was thereafter president until the institution closed in December, 1930, since which time he has lived retired. For a number of years he served as precinct committeeman from his district and has been a member of the democratic central committee of Hancock county. His religious faith is that of the Methodist Church and fraternally he is connected with the Odd Fellows. His family numbers three children: Homer H.; Grace, now living in Sarasota, Florida; and Dan, of Hamilton, Illinois.

Homer H. Williams supplemented his public school training, received in Hamilton, Illinois, by study in the high school of Keokuk, Iowa, from which he was graduated in 1911, and by a year's study in Colorado College at Colorado Springs. He next spent three years in the University of Michigan, completing a law course by graduation in 1917. In February of the following year he entered the United States Army and was assigned to Company B, Twelfth Machine Gun Battalion of the Fourth Division. After preliminary training here he sailed for overseas May 7, 1918, and in July he was transferred to division headquarters. His service was one of extreme activity, for he participated in the battle of the Marne, in the St. Mihiel drive and in the battle of the Argonne. In August, 1919, he returned to the United States and was discharged as sergeant on the 11th day of that month.

When his military service was a thing of the past, Mr. Williams entered upon the practice of law, in which he has been continuously engaged since September, 1919. In 1922 he was appointed city attorney of Carthage and filled the office until 1924, when he was elected state's attorney for Hancock county. After serving for a four-year term, his course received the endorsement of a re-election and he continued in the office until December, 1932. On the 1st of February, 1933, he was appointed assistant to Attorney General Otto Kerner and is now the incumbent in this position, his territory including Hancock, Warren, Henderson and McDonough counties. While his official service has always been in the direct path of his profession, he has nevertheless given earnest support to the democratic party because of a firm belief in its principles as factors in good government. He was precinct committeeman from 1922 until 1928 and acted as secretary of the democratic central committee of Hancock county in 1924, while from 1926 until 1928 he was chairman of that committee. He is also second vice president of the Illinois Veterans League, which is affiliated with the democratic party.

Mr. Williams established a home of his own at his marriage, September 11, 1919, to Esther Robertson, a daughter of James F. and Lillian (Works) Robertson. They have two children, Lillian and Dorothy. Mr. Williams' college fraternity is the Kappa Sigma. His religious faith is that of the Presbyterian Church and he is a trustee of the local organization. He belongs to Hancock Lodge, No. 20, A. F. & A. M.; Carthage Chapter, No. 33, R. A. M., and Inglevere Commandery, No. 75, K. T. He also has membership in Philip Hartzell Post of the American Legion at Carthage. He possesses those qualifications which make for advancement and at all times he labors along constructive lines, whether in the furtherance of party welfare or in the legitimate upbuilding of his own interests.

GEORGE R. JANNER

George R. Janner, state liquor inspector and a well known resident of East St. Louis, was born in Kansas City, Missouri, October 9, 1881, his parents being Robert and Mary (Parent) Janner, the former a native of Quincy, Illinois, and the latter of Missouri. The father was a salesman and in politics was a staunch democrat.

George R. Janner was educated in the public schools of Kansas City and at the age of eighteen years went to Omaha, where he was employed in connection with the packing industry. In 1902 he came to East St. Louis as a representative of the packing interests and later became identified with the Gnade Liquor Company, with which he was associated for nine years both as a wholesale and retail salesman. In 1915 he entered the retail liquor business at No. 2 St. Clair avenue and also established a second business at Collinsville and St. Clair avenues. After the enactment of the prohibition law he conducted a fish and poultry business at 306 St. Clair avenue, engaging in both the wholesale and retail trade. This he carried on until his appointment to his present position as state liquor inspector in June, 1933.

Mr. Janner has been an active worker in the democratic party since attaining his majority. In 1912 he was elected precinct committeeman of the sixty-fourth precinct and at the same time filled the office of alderman of the first ward. He served for two years on the city council and for four years on the county committee. He has attended practically all of the state and judicial conventions as a delegate or alternate and has been active in all of the campaigns in support of the regular party candidates. In June, 1933, Governor Horner made him special agent of the Illinois Liquor Commission, thus recognizing his loyalty to the party and his devotion to public service.

On the 9th of February, 1909, Mr. Janner was united in marriage to Miss Josie Lyons, of East St. Louis. Mrs. Janner is a member of the Women's Democratic Club of East St. Louis and, like her husband, is much interested in the success of the party.

JOHN R. REYNOLDS

Among those who have been selected to take care of the mails under the administration of President Roosevelt is numbered John R. Reynolds, who is serving as postmaster of Colchester. He was born September 21, 1891, in the city where he still makes his home, his parents being James and Rosa (Brent) Reynolds. The father was born in Glasgow, Scotland, July 12, 1860, and on attaining his majority crossed the Atlantic to the new world, arriving in Colchester, Illinois, in 1881. Here he spent his remaining days, devoting his attention to coal mining, and in politics he was a consistent supporter of the democratic party. He died December 23, 1928, having for more than a year survived his wife, who was born in Cornwall, England, June 12, 1869, and who passed away February 19, 1927.

Their son, John R. Reynolds, pursued his studies in the public schools of Colchester, attending high school for a time. On starting out in the business world he secured a clerkship and was thus employed for five years, at the end of which time he established a bakery and confectionery business, which he conducted for twelve years. He afterward operated a coal and clay mine for nine years and he has thus led an active, busy and useful life. On the 15th of May, 1933, he was appointed acting postmaster of Colchester and was commissioned April 27, 1934.

Mr. Reynolds has always been active in local democratic circles, taking a helpful interest in party affairs since old enough to vote. In 1917 he was elected city clerk of Colchester, serving for one term, and in 1928 was elected supervisor of Colchester township, to which position he was reelected in 1930, serving until 1933. In 1932 he was a delegate to the democratic state convention and in the same year was elected senatorial committeeman, filling that position until he resigned to become postmaster.

On the 22d of January, 1913, Mr. Reynolds was united in marriage to Lola Baird and they are the parents of two children, John Baird and Elizabeth. Mr. Reynolds belongs to the Masonic fraternity and is a faithful follower of the teachings of the craft. He has a wide acquaintance in the city in which he has always lived and throughout the surrounding country, and all who knew him speak of him in terms of high respect.

JOSEPH J. NOWICKI

Joseph J. Nowicki, chief of the state division of factory inspection, was born in Poland, January 19, 1890, and educated in Washington, Philadelphia and Chicago.

He began his career with the study of drafting at the Chicago Technical College and became, successively, a draftsman, pattern maker and instructor at the government aviation school at Pensacola, Florida. Later he studied law at the Young Men's Christian Association of Philadelphia and Hall-Noyes College at Washington, D. C.

Upon the completion of his studies, Mr. Nowicki returned to Chicago to establish himself successfully in the Men's Furnishing business at 3207-08 South Morgan Street.

A perfect union of supreme poise and fine judgment, coupled with an all-determination to improve conditions and to actuate progressive interest in his community, soon won for him recognition as an outstanding civic leader and friendly counsellor. It was fitting, then, that he was chosen by his business associates to the presidency of the Morgan Street Business Men's Association, an office which he served auspiciously for ten years.

Always a conspicuous figure in his fraternal relations, Mr. Nowicki holds membership in the Polish National Alliance, Archbishop Quigley's Council of the Knights of Columbus, LaSalle Assembly and Alhambra. He is a member of Holy Name Society of St. Mary's Parish and a devout Roman Catholic.

He married the daughter of Henry Lokanski, prominent author and editor of New York and Chicago, and has three children, all of whom have the same self-sufficiency and spirit exemplified in their dad. He is indeed as much socially sought by his many friends as he is commercially or politically.

Mr. Nowicki belongs to the Eleventh Ward Democratic Organization and is one of the leading representatives of the party among the Polish element in Chicago's citizenship. An active worker, he labors untiringly for the adoption of democratic principles and the success of the party candidates.

His word, his opinions and his example carry much weight among the people of his nationality. He is alert and energetic, and invariably accomplishes what he undertakes, whether in the field of government or commerce.

Mr. Nowicki believes "that in order to get the right point of view one needs the right perspective." Joseph J. Nowicki has the right perspective.

MRS. PEARL CHRISTMAN

Mrs. Pearl Christman, who is now serving for the fifth term as county chairman of the Democratic Women's Organization of Shelby county and is recognized as a very active and efficient party worker, is a native of Shelbyville, where she still makes her home, her parents being Benjamin F. and Mary Frances (Thomas) Wilson. Her father, a native of Ohio, came to Shelby county, Illinois, in childhood with his parents, who settled on a farm in Holland township. The mother was born on a farm in Shelby county, where she lived until her marriage to Benjamin F. Wilson, December 31, 1881. After their marriage Mr. Wilson taught school in Shelby county for a time and while thus engaged pursued the study of law, being admitted to the bar after finishing his preliminary reading. In his practice he was first associated with some older lawyers but after a brief period opened an office independently and continued as one of the active and able attorneys of Shelbyville throughout his remaining days. He was not only a prominent attorney but also a leader in politics in Shelbyville whose democracy was of the Jeffersonian type, as exemplified by the "Great Commoner," William Jennings Bryan. His widow survives him and makes a home for her daughter, Mrs. Christman. She belongs to the Methodist Church, of which Mr. Wilson was also a loyal member.

Their daughter, Pearl Wilson, was reared and educated in Shelbyville, graduating from the high school as a member of the class of 1899, after which she pursued a two years' postgraduate course that included stenographic training. She then taught in the rural schools for four years and in 1906 she became the wife of Edward Christman, a native of Ridge township, Shelby county, and at that time a farmer of Ridge township but now living retired. In fact for twenty-three years after their marriage Mr. and Mrs. Christman resided on farms in Ridge township but now make their home with her mother in Shelbyville. Mr. and Mrs. Christman are well known here and have a large circle of warm friends. They hold membership in the Presbyterian Church and both have always given their political support to the democratic party. Mrs. Christman takes a deep interest in civic affairs and in matters of citizenship her influence is always on the side of progress and improvement. She comes of an old democratic family and has long been keenly interested in the party, keeping well informed on the questions and issues of the day. At one time she was a candidate for county treasurer and her success as a party worker is shown in the fact that she has been chosen for the fifth term as county chairman of the Democratic Women's Organization of Shelby county, where she marshals her forces in an effective manner productive of desired results. Her ability as an organizer was further recognized on the 16th of September, 1933, when she was chosen temporary president of the Democratic Women's League of County Organization, and on the 24th of February, 1934, she was again honored by being elected president of the permanent organization of state women. She has all the qualities requisite for success in this field and her support of democracy is based upon an intelligent understanding of party principles.



MRS. PEARL CHRISTMAN

WALLER McRAE MATTINGLY

Waller McRae Mattingly is the publisher of the Gallatin County Democrat, a weekly paper of Shawneetown, which fact places him politically. He has been an ardent advocate of the principles of the democratic party since attaining his majority and he has made his paper a strong organ in defense of the cause which he espouses. Mr. Mattingly is a native of Kentucky, his birth having occurred in Union county, that state, January 3, 1892. He pursued a public school education while spending his boyhood days under the roof of his parents, Benjamin and Viola (Laefield) Mattingly. Since attaining his majority he has given his attention mainly to newspaper publication and is the owner and publisher of the Gallatin County Democrat, of Shawneetown, which he has made an interesting and up-to-date journal, devoted to the dissemination of national as well as local news. Through its columns he has always supported the democratic party, presenting its cause clearly and forcefully, so that his arguments oftentimes carry conviction to the minds of his readers. He belongs to the Illinois Democratic Editorial Association and he is also a member of the Jeffersonian Club, thus cooperating with his fellow townsmen in furthering the interests of his party in this community.

On the 23d of December, 1910, in McLeansboro, Illinois, Mr. Mattingly was united in marriage to Miss Helen Edwards and they have become the parents of three children: John W., Betty Lou and William McRae. The religious faith of Mr. and Mrs. Mattingly is that of the Baptist Church and he is president of the Kiwanis Club of Shawneetown. The cause of education finds him a stalwart champion and he has served as secretary of the school board, doing all in his power to further the interests of the schools in this community. He has likewise been an alderman of his town and he is interested in every project for civic betterment and improvement, giving his aid and cooperation to all movements for the intellectual, political, social and moral progress of Gallatin county.

LEO C. MURPHY

Leo C. Murphy, of Danville, Vermilion county, was appointed highway maintenance patrolman of District No. 5 on the 23d of November, 1933, and in September, 1923, he became special deputy sheriff, a position which he still fills. While thus in office, he has always preferred that his public service should be done as a private citizen rather than as an officeholder and his loyalty to the democratic party has been one of the outstanding features of his career.

Mr. Murphy was born in Hillery, Vermilion county, Illinois, July 12, 1905, a son of George W. Murphy, who was born in Warren, Indiana, January 19, 1864. The latter was a son of Curtis and Margaret (Duncan) Murphy, who were natives of Warren county and of Ripley county, Indiana, respectively. Curtis Murphy engaged in farming until he was killed by a runaway team in 1875, his widow surviving until 1897 and remaining upon the home farm in the interval between her husband's death and her own.

George W. Murphy acquired his education in the country schools but his opportunities were somewhat limited, as it was necessary for him to aid in the farm work. In this he continued until 1884, when he purchased a tract of land at Muncie, Illinois. Later he lived at Olney, Illinois, for a year, after which he returned to Vermilion county and with his brother engaged in farming for a year. In 1889 he removed to old Hillery, where he purchased a store, and in 1894 he established his business at its present location. In 1889 he was appointed postmaster to succeed his mother, who had been filling the office, and he occupied the position for sixteen years, when the creation of the rural route led to the discontinuance of the office. He comes of an old-line democratic family and has ever been a faithful follower of the party. He has never sought office but has been precinct committeeman since about 1890.

In 1902 George W. Murphy was united in marriage to Miss Leona Rufus,

who was born in Danville township, Vermilion county, and they have become parents of four children, one of whom has passed away. The others are Leo Curtis, Edwin H. and Sarah Ellen. The daughter married Charles Mitchell and they have had three children, two of whom survive.

Leo C. Murphy was reared under the parental roof and in young manhood married Goldie Wanderlin. Their only child died in infancy.

Like his forebears, Leo C. Murphy has been an ardent democrat since attaining his majority and he was a member of the Jeffersonian Club from the time of its organization. He has been active in the party work and in 1930 he was the candidate for precinct committeeman, at which time there were only seven votes cast—all for him. In 1932 he was again up for the same office and received eighty-five out of the one hundred and thirty-two democratic votes then cast. In 1934 he was again the candidate and received one hundred and thirty-nine out of two hundred and ninety-two votes. He organized the Roosevelt Young Democrats Ball Club, which was named the Roosevelt Young Democrats Baseball Club. In order to benefit the democratic party, the club was entered in the Vermilion County League, all of its members being democrats. Various people made contributions to securing uniforms for the club, the first contributor being the present circuit judge, Casper Piatt. The Judge received three hundred and sixty-nine votes in Mr. Murphy's precinct, which gave him twenty-one votes more than the largest vote in the county. In this precinct Governor Horner received four hundred and eight votes and President Roosevelt four hundred and eighty-four, Mr. Murphy having done most effective work for the party. In September, 1923, he had been appointed special deputy sheriff by Sheriff Ward and still occupies the office, while on the 23d of November, 1933, he was appointed highway maintenance patrolman of Section 502 in District No. 5. He is making a creditable record in both offices and concentrates his energies and attention thereon. He represents one of the old and well known families of Vermilion county and one that has ever been most faithful to democratic teachings.

JAMES FREDERICK LINCOLN

James Frederick Lincoln, chairman of the Adams county democratic central committee, is superintendent of printing in the plant of the Monroe Chemical Company of Quincy, with which concern he has been continuously identified for more than forty years. He was born in Putnam county, Missouri, February 21, 1881, his parents being Sylvester and Francis (Hunsaker) Lincoln, the former born in Nauvoo, Hancock county, Illinois, in 1858, while the latter was a native of Putnam county, Missouri, born in 1863. Sylvester Lincoln followed farming in Putnam county prior to about 1908, when he removed to Sundance, Crook county, Wyoming, where he devoted his attention to the raising of thoroughbred horses. In 1925 he returned to Missouri, locating in Nodaway county, where his death occurred in 1926. For more than two decades he had survived his wife, who passed away in 1904.

James F. Lincoln acquired his education as a public school pupil of Unionville, Missouri, and early began providing for his own support by delivering groceries after school hours and on Saturdays. On the 13th of August, 1894, he obtained a position in the drug store of E. N. Monroe at Unionville, where he was thus employed for a period of three years and eight months. He continued in the service of Mr. Monroe when the latter established the Monroe Chemical Company, and when the plant was moved to Quincy in 1907, Mr. Lincoln took up his abode here. He has been continuously connected with the company to the present time and has won steady promotion until he now holds the important position of superintendent of printing. He also supervises the operation of a farm which he owns, and his home is at 1601 North Fifth street, just across the line from the city limits of Quincy.

On the 15th of June, 1902, Mr. Lincoln was united in marriage to Miss Marjorie Myrtle Harrison, daughter of William Henry Harrison. Mr. and Mrs. Lincoln are the parents of four children, namely: James Edwin and William Robert, who reside in Quincy, Illinois; Charles Frederick; and Marjorie Louise.

Mr. Lincoln was an ardent supporter of Joseph W. Folk, governor of Missouri, and when a mere boy polled Putnam county for Folk. Long an active worker in the local ranks of the democratic party, Mr. Lincoln was elected precinct committeeman from Riverside township, Adams county, in 1932 and the following year was elected chairman of the Adams county democratic central committee. He has also served as justice of the peace in Riverside township for the past twelve years, has been a member of the township school board during the past two decades and is likewise a member of the township board. For sixteen years past he has also filled the office of deputy sheriff, and at all times he has discharged his public duties in a most efficient and highly satisfactory manner. On several occasions he has been a delegate to the state conventions of his party. For many years he was very active in the Parent-Teachers Association and served as president of his local organization. An active member of the Masonic fraternity for sixteen years, he belongs to Quincy Lodge, No. 296, A. F. & A. M.; Quincy Consistory, S. P. R. S., of which he is past sovereign prince; and Moila Temple, A. A. O. N. M. S., of St. Joseph, Missouri.

CHARLES G. SOWELL

Charles G. Sowell actively entered politics in 1907, when elected to the office of city treasurer of Granite City, where he is now filling the position of postmaster. Illinois claims him as a native son, his birth having occurred in Macon, this state, in 1873. His grandfather, Stephen Sowell, a native of Virginia, was born in 1785 and removed from the Old Dominion to Tennessee, where he lived until coming to Illinois in 1825, at which time he settled in Sangamon county. His son, William F. Sowell, was born in this state and during the Civil war served in the Union Army. He devoted his life to school teaching and he also filled the office of justice of the peace. He married Maria Campbell, a native of Sangamon county, Illinois, and both died in early life, leaving a family of six children, who were reared in the Soldiers and Sailors Orphans Home in Normal, Illinois.

Charles G. Sowell was only six years of age at the death of his parents. He remained in the Orphans Home until he reached the age of thirteen years, when he went to live with an uncle at Auburn, Illinois. There he attended the public schools until about seventeen years of age, when he went to Chicago to learn the cigarmaker's trade, which he followed, working at his trade in Carlinville for some time. In 1902 he came to Granite City, where he established a cigar factory, which he conducted for a number of years.

In 1907 Mr. Sowell was elected city treasurer and filled the office for one term. In 1909 he was elected justice of the peace and in 1912 popular suffrage called him to the office of police magistrate, in which position he served continuously until May, 1933, being re-elected every four years. In July, 1933, he was appointed postmaster of Granite City and has since had charge of the office. His faithfulness to the democratic party has been manifest in many tangible ways. He served for four years as a member of the county central committee, was a delegate to the state conventions in 1932 and 1934, a delegate to the judicial convention at Vandalia and to the circuit court convention at Belleville.

On the 15th of May, 1897, Mr. Sowell was married to Miss May Norwood, of North Carolina, and they became parents of four children, namely: Harvey, a resident of Long Beach, California; Edith, who passed away at the age of twenty-two years; Charles, a student at Knox College; and Mary, living in Long

Beach, California. Fraternally Mr. Sowell is connected with the Knights of Pythias, the Fraternal Order of Eagles and the Modern Woodmen of America. For almost a third of a century he has made his home in Granite City and takes high rank among its leading and influential residents.

VICTOR HAROLD McDONALD

Victor Harold McDonald, a well known representative of agricultural interests in central Illinois, making his home in the village of Arthur, was born in Moultrie county, this state, August 15, 1875, a son of John Franklin and Elizabeth (Powell) McDonald. The mother was born in Moultrie county, where her people were early settlers and successful farmers. John Franklin McDonald was a native of West Virginia and became a resident of Moultrie county, Illinois, in 1856. He devoted his entire life to agricultural pursuits and owned and cultivated a good tract of land to the time of his death, which occurred August 10, 1910. In politics he was a staunch democrat, held several township offices and always gave unfaltering support to the party. For sixteen years he survived his wife, who passed away December 14, 1894.

Victor H. McDonald acquired his early education in the country schools of Moultrie county and afterward attended the high school at Arthur and Westfield College at Westfield, Illinois, where he studied for a year. He next matriculated in Eureka College at Eureka, Illinois, where he remained for two years and then took up the profession of teaching, which he followed for nine years in Moultrie county. Since that time he has engaged in farming and in 1909 he removed to Arthur, Douglas county, where he has since lived, his energies and attention being given to the further operation and development of his farm in Moultrie county.

Mr. McDonald has been active in democratic politics since reaching his majority and prior to 1909, while still living on the farm in Moultrie county, he held various offices. He cast his first presidential ballot for William Jennings Bryan in 1896 and has voted for each presidential candidate of the party since that time. In 1920 he was elected committeeman of Precinct No. 2 of Bourbon township and has served continuously since, while on various occasions he has attended state, congressional and judicial conventions as a delegate. Following the death of Hon. Sol Handy, who was the democratic nominee for state representative of the thirty-four senatorial district, he was named by the senatorial committee as its choice for the nomination for legislator as the successor of Mr. Handy.

In 1911 Mr. McDonald was united in marriage to Miss Myrtle Burke, a native of Moultrie county, Illinois, and a daughter of C. C. and Sarah E. (Bolton) Burke, who were representatives of pioneer democratic families of this part of the state. C. C. Burke, a farmer by occupation, served as justice of the peace for many years. Mrs. McDonald has been active in democratic work since the right of franchise was conferred upon women. By her marriage she has become the mother of one daughter, Sarah Elizabeth, who is a graduate of the University of Illinois and is at home.

Mr. McDonald belongs to the Independent Order of Odd Fellows and to the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks, and he also has membership in the Jeffersonian Club. His interest in community welfare has been manifest in many tangible ways, including several years' service as a member of the board of education. He belongs to the Christian Church and his life has ever been guided by high and honorable principles, while his sterling worth is recognized by all who know him. His friends are legion and all of his acquaintances accord him place as a representative resident of Douglas county.

MATT E. NORTON

Thirty-six years ago Matt E. Norton became a precinct committeeman and through all the intervening period to the present he has remained an earnest



VICTOR HAROLD McDONALD

champion of the democratic party, doing effective work in its behalf. He makes his home in Galesburg, Knox county, where he was born August 29, 1878, a son of Matthew and Mary (Coffey) Norton, both of whom were natives of Ireland, the former born in 1835 and the latter in 1838. The father came to America about 1847 with his parents, the family home being established in Albany, New York, whence two years later they removed to Illinois, settling in Knox county. Here Matthew Norton spent his remaining days and became a well known and esteemed citizen of his community. In politics he was always a staunch democrat and he occupied a seat on the platform with Stephen A. Douglas during the memorable and historic Lincoln and Douglas debate which was held in Galesburg. In the parade previous to the debate he drove four black horses hitched to a hayrack on which rode thirteen young girls, representing the original thirteen states. He had been selected from a party of sixty democrats to drive a float, being thus accorded a position of honor in that unforgettable demonstration. Later he was very active during the campaign when Altgeld was a candidate for governor. During the Civil war he espoused the cause of the Union and went to the front, participating in many of the hotly contested battles of the conflict. He died in February, 1926, after a residence of more than three-quarters of a century in Knox county, and his wife passed away in 1919. She was a maiden of only twelve or thirteen summers when she was selected as one of a group of girls to serve at a breakfast table for President Pierce in Albany, New York, and later, when living in Knox county, she was called to Galesburg to assist in serving breakfast to President Lincoln.

Matt E. Norton was reared in Knox county and attended the public schools of Galesburg, passing through consecutive grades to his graduation from the high school with the class of 1893. From 1906 to 1913 he was purchasing agent and stock keeper for the Galesburg Gas & Electric Light Company and much of his life has been devoted to public service. During Governor Dunne's administration he was appointed incendiary investigator in the department of fire marshal, and during the World war period he was identified with the department of commerce, in which connection he traveled, taking statistical reports from manufacturers in Illinois, Iowa, Missouri and Tennessee. His active service in the democratic party began in 1898, when he was but twenty years of age, at which time he was elected precinct committeeman, and he has continuously served on the democratic county central committee throughout the intervening period of thirty-six years, being secretary of the committee for sixteen years. In August, 1933, he was appointed by Governor Horner to the position of inspector of foods and dairies in the department of agriculture and to the present writing has made about forty-nine hundred inspections, his territory including Knox, Fulton, Schuyler and McDonough counties. From 1924 until 1932 he served as senatorial committeeman and at all times he has been most loyal to the party.

In 1906 Mr. Norton married Grace Hendrix, who passed away in 1925, leaving two children, Donald N. and Eileen Loraine. In 1928 Mr. Norton was again married, his second union being with Frances Kelly, by whom he has a son, Maurice Charles. The religious faith of the family is that of the Catholic Church and Mr. Norton is affiliated with the Knights of Columbus. His interest and activity, however, have largely centered upon his official duties and he may truly be termed a faithful democrat, working consistently with others for the good of the party, with firm belief in its principles.

MARSHALL SHIELDS

Marshall Shields, of Grand Ridge, who is serving as one of the highway patrolmen of Illinois, was born in 1908, in the town where he still makes his home. His parents, C. M. and Josephine Shields, are also residents of Grand Ridge, and the father has always been a democrat, giving active support to

the party. C. E. Hibbs, an uncle of Marshall Shields in the maternal line and a well known merchant of Grand Ridge, was a precinct committeeman for many years.

At the usual age Marshall Shields entered the public schools of his native town and thereby acquired his education. After his textbooks were put aside he was employed in various ways until February, 1933, when he became a highway maintenance patrolman and has since occupied the position. Like his father, he has never faltered in his support of the democratic party and its principles and is an earnest and effective worker in its ranks.

In September, 1930, Mr. Shields was united in marriage to Miss Mary Gay and they have two children, Betty Lou and Leland Marshall. The parents hold membership in the Presbyterian Church and they have a large circle of warm friends in the community where they have long resided.

CHARLES R. KLINGEL

One of the alert business men of Mascoutah is Charles R. Klingel, the president of the Exeel Oil Company, located at 400 West Main street. He has always lived in St. Clair county, his birth having occurred in Englemann township, April 28, 1901. His father, Charles Klingel, who was also born in Englemann township, has followed the occupation of farming as a life work and has given his political support to the democratic party. He has served on the local school board and is ever interested in the welfare and upbuilding of his community. His wife, who bore the maiden name of Mary Linn, is also a native of Englemann township, St. Clair county.

The youthful days of Charles R. Klingel were devoted to the acquirement of a district school education and to the labors of the farm as he received parental instruction in the best methods of tilling the soil and caring for the crops. For several years he continued to engage in farming with his father and in May, 1930, removed to Mascoutah, where he entered the wholesale and retail oil business by purchasing an interest and becoming a partner in the Exeel Oil Company, of which he is now the president. The business has been wisely managed and carefully directed and has steadily grown.

On the 30th of December, 1932, Mr. Klingel was married to Miss Erna Kolb, of Mascoutah, who is well known here as an active member of the Zion Lutheran Church. Mr. Klingel is a member of the Junior Chamber of Commerce, of which he is serving as a director, and he also belongs to Woodland Grange, which indicates his continued interest in agricultural affairs. Along strictly fraternal lines he is connected with Humboldt Lodge, No. 286, I. O. O. F., of Mascoutah, of which he is now noble grand. He became active in the democratic party soon after establishing his home in Mascoutah and in 1934 he was elected a member of the democratic county committee, so that he has active voice in directing the affairs of democracy in this section of the state. His ability for leadership in this field is widely acknowledged and he is accomplishing desired results.

ELMER NAFZIGER

Elmer Nafziger, an attorney practicing in the capital city, was born in Washington, Illinois, May 13, 1892, a son of J. H. and Augusta (Stormer) Nafziger, who are also natives of this state. The father has always given support to the democratic party, has filled the office of precinct committeeman and has been a member of the board of supervisors of McLean county for fifteen years. He was formerly a grain merchant but is now president of and is conducting the Anchor State Bank at Anchor, McLean county.

Elmer Nafziger received a public school education in Anchor, attended high school in Chatsworth, Illinois, and afterward became a student in the Illinois Wesleyan University at Bloomington, from which he was graduated on the completion of a law course in 1916, the LL. B. degree being at that

time conferred upon him. He was admitted to the Illinois bar on the 16th of July of the same year and in 1917 came to Springfield, where he has since remained. He has enjoyed a growing practice and through a representative clientele has been connected with much important litigation tried in the courts of his district. He belongs to both the Sangamon County and Illinois State Bar Associations. He is now receiver for the Chicago, Springfield & St. Louis Railway Company and for the Jacksonville & Havana Railroad Company.

Mr. Nafziger served in the United States Army during the World war, receiving his discharge in February, 1919.

On the 17th of July, 1929, Mr. Nafziger was married to Theresa Carroll, of Springfield, a daughter of Thomas F. and Barbara Carroll, who are adherents of the democratic party. Mr. Nafziger is a member of the Illini Country Club and Sangamo Club. Fraternally he is a Mason, with membership in Springfield Lodge, No. 500, A. F. & A. M., in Springfield Consistory and in Ansar Temple of the Mystic Shrine. He is also a member of the American Legion. He has voted the democratic ticket since first exercising his right of franchise and he belongs to the Jeffersonian Society and the Roosevelt-Horner Democratic Organization. Through appointment of Judge Fitzhenry he became United States commissioner in 1920 and occupied that position until 1933, and on several occasions he has served as a delegate to the state conventions.

L. G. GEORGE

L. G. George, successfully engaged in the general practice of law at Edwardsville and now serving as assistant state's attorney, was born in Staunton, Macoupin county, Illinois, March 21, 1893, a son of William Robinson and May (Godfrey) George, who are likewise natives of Illinois. The latter is a sister of Elvin Godfrey, who was very active in democratic circles. William R. George has also given his political allegiance to the democratic party and his business activities have been directed into the field of hardware merchandising.

L. G. George attended the public schools of Staunton until graduated from the high school in 1911. He then entered the University of Illinois for the pre-legal course, receiving his Bachelor of Arts degree in 1915, and then taking up the regular law course, was graduated with the degree of Doctor of Jurisprudence in 1917, which was also the year of his admission to the Illinois bar. During his college days he was a leader in student political activities and was identified with the Commitatus Club.

In May, 1917, Mr. George entered the First Officers Training School at Fort Sheridan and was commissioned a second lieutenant. He went to Texas with the One Hundred and Thirty-third Field Artillery, was promoted to the rank of first lieutenant and was sent overseas with the Thirty-sixth Division. Further promotion made him a captain in command of a battery and he remained on active duty until he returned home in March, 1919. He is now a member of the American Legion and of the Veterans of Foreign Wars. When his military experience was over, Mr. George came to Edwardsville, where he entered upon law practice with D. G. Williamson, and in 1921 the law firm of Williamson, Simpson & George was organized, this association being maintained until 1925, when Mr. George withdrew and has since practiced alone. He is familiar with all branches of legal work and he has made substantial advancement along professional lines, continuing successfully in the field of general practice. He belongs to the Madison County Bar Association and his college fraternities are the Sigma Chi and Phi Delta Phi. It was his qualifications as a lawyer that led to his appointment in December, 1933, to the position of first assistant state's attorney of Madison county by M. Lester Geers. Since reaching adult age he has voted with the democratic party and has worked consistently for its principles. He served for several terms as a member of the democratic county committee, has attended a number of judicial and state conventions

as a delegate and is a recognized leader in local party ranks. In 1924 he was private secretary to Charles Boeschenstein, who was chairman of the arrangements committee for the national convention of the democratic party in St. Louis. He is widely known among democratic leaders of the state, who have high regard for his opinions upon vital political problems.

In 1923 Mr. George was married to Miss Helen Poole, of Edwardsville, and they have a daughter, Dorothy. In Masonic circles Mr. George has advanced through lodge and chapter to the thirty-second degree of the Scottish Rite and is also a Shriner. He is likewise secretary and treasurer of the Madison County Country Club, which he aided in organizing, and his social, political and professional connections class him with the leading residents of Madison county.

THOMAS WILLIAM SIMONDS

Thomas William Simonds, actively engaged in the grocery business in Sparta, was born in London, England, July 16, 1874, and was one of a family of fifteen children whose parents were Samuel and Alice (Sawyer) Simonds, the latter a daughter of William Sawyer. The father, Samuel Simonds, was born in England in 1835, engaged in the butchering business and was well known as a respected citizen of his community.

Thomas W. Simonds came to America in 1893, having largely spent the period of his boyhood and youth in his native land. Crossing the Atlantic, he landed at Halifax, Nova Scotia, and then went to Winnipeg, Canada, in the vicinity of which city he herded cattle for about a year. In 1895 he crossed the border into the United States, located at Murphysboro, Illinois, and took out his first papers, which ultimately won for him American citizenship. At Murphysboro he worked in the coal mines until 1899 and then removed to Sparta, where he secured a position as shipping clerk with the Boyd Coal & Coke Company. He afterward represented the J. M. Browning Coal & Coke Company in a similar capacity until 1904, when a laudable ambition prompted him to engage in business on his own account. He then opened a grocery store, which he has since conducted, and his progressive and straightforward methods have gained him a good patronage.

Mr. Simonds has been married twice. In 1899 he wedded Ida May Jamison, of Sparta, Illinois, who died in 1910. Their children are: Kenneth W., who is assistant secretary of the Building & Loan Association at Sparta; Elva May, the wife of Harvey McIntyre, who follows farming near Sparta; Walter Jamison, who is married and is manager of a Kroger store in St. Louis, Missouri; Eugene, a student in the University of Illinois, specializing in ceramics; Willard, attending Monmouth College; Frank Harvey, who is a high school pupil in Sparta; Millie and Robert James. For his second wife Mr. Simonds chose Miss Zuma Etta Crain, of Ava, Illinois, daughter of John Crain, a blacksmith, and they were married in 1913.

Mr. Simonds has not voted anything but the democratic ticket for forty years, in fact since he got his naturalization papers, and has been active in politics all this time. For twenty-seven years he has been a consistent and faithful member of the United Presbyterian Church and for twenty years served as one of its trustees. He has also been superintendent of the Sunday School and does everything in his power to promote the moral progress of the community. He has likewise been president of the Parent-Teacher Association and the cause of education finds in him a stalwart champion. For twenty years he has been a director of the Sparta Chamber of Commerce. He was at one time a past grand marshal and past deputy marshal of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows and he belongs to the Modern Woodmen of America. One of his chief sources of pleasure is quail hunting and for this purpose he keeps a fine bird dog. The foregoing record indicates that he is never a passive member of any organization with which he is identified, for he always takes active part in any cause which he champions and his labors are far-reaching and resultant.



THOMAS WILLIAM SIMONDS

W. W. WHEATLEY

W. W. Wheatley, an attorney of Harrisburg, who has largely specialized in corporation law, was born in Tell City, Indiana, September 6, 1887, a son of John Thomas and Augustine (Fyie) Wheatley. His early education was obtained in rural schools of Saline county, Illinois, and in 1909 he was graduated from the Harrisburg high school. Following the completion of this course he entered the University of Michigan and won his Bachelor of Arts degree at his graduation with the class of 1913. He continued there as a law student and completed his law course in 1915. Since that time he has continuously practiced and now has a large clientele which connects him with the most important litigation heard in the courts of his district. He is now county attorney for the Home Loan Corporation and local attorney for the Big Four Route and is thoroughly familiar with every phase of civil and corporation law. His outside business interests are indicated in his connection with the Egyptian Abstract Company, of which he is vice president.

On the 25th of July, 1917, in Pana, Illinois, Mr. Wheatley was united in marriage to Miss Nell Stanton and they now have five children: John Walter, Dorothy Nell, Irene Patricia, Betty Lou and Mary Jane. The religious faith of the family is that of the Catholic Church and Mr. Wheatley belongs to the Knights of Columbus. He is also affiliated with the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks and with the American Legion, his association with the latter being the logical result of his World war service, for which he enlisted September 17, 1917. He was made a second lieutenant and was on duty at Camp Taylor and at Camp Sherman. Along strictly professional lines he is connected with the Saline County Bar Association. In politics he is an avowed democrat and bases his political allegiance upon an intelligent understanding of the vital problems that are before the country. In 1930 he attended the state convention in Springfield and again in 1932, and he is serving on the state planning commission. He is interested in all those things which are a matter of civic virtue and of civic pride and stands as a high type of American citizenship.

THOMAS JOSEPH KELLY

Thomas Joseph Kelly, canal foreman residing at 1616 Sycamore street in Ottawa, was born March 7, 1888, in the city which is still his home, his parents being Owen F. and Mary E. Kelly, both of whom have now passed away. The father was an active democrat throughout his entire life, and Owen F. Kelly, Jr., a brother of Thomas Joseph, served as alderman of Ottawa from the fifth ward, being elected on the democratic ticket. He, too, was a zealous supporter of the party and its principles.

Thomas J. Kelly was educated in the schools of Ottawa, completing his studies in the Brothers School. After starting out in the business world he was employed in the lamp chimney factory for two years and subsequently entered the machine shop of the cream separator factory in Ottawa, in which he worked his way upward to the responsible position of foreman. Afterward he went to Flint, Michigan, where he was employed in an automobile shop, but in 1910 he returned to Ottawa and was a blacksmith's helper for six months. He then worked on a farm for two and one-half years, while later he entered the signal department of the Rock Island Railway Company and was altogether with the railroad for nineteen years, spending the first sixteen years of that period as assistant signal maintainer at Ottawa and the last three years with the signal department, doing construction work. On the 16th of June, 1933, he was appointed canal foreman—a position for which his previous business experience well qualified him. As canal foreman at Ottawa he is in charge of approximately thirty miles of the Illinois and Michigan canal, having the direction of the maintenance of the canal and seven locks. Five lock tenders are employed, all of whom are democrats. Also under his direction are two path walkers who are democratic party workers.

Mr. Kelly belongs to the St. Columba Catholic Church. Like the others of the family, he has been a stalwart democrat throughout his entire life and during the past twelve years has served as committeeman of his precinct, which until 1934 was known as the sixth precinct, but is now the eleventh precinct of the fifth ward, in which connection he has done everything in his power to promote the growth and insure the success of the party. He is well known in Ottawa, where the greater part of his life has been passed and where he is recognized as one who is always faithful to duty, whether it be of a business or other character.

WILLIAM BRYAN PITTS

William Bryan Pitts, deputy sheriff of Marion county, with offices in the courthouse at Salem, was born in Centralia, this county, June 30, 1896, a son of B. H. and Polly Ann (Henry) Pitts. The father was also a native of Marion county and the mother's people came from Tennessee to this state, settling in Marion county prior to the civil war. The Pitts family was established in St. Clair county in pioneer times and B. H. Pitts became a carpenter contractor, following that business as a life work. He has always been a staunch democrat and served as committeeman of the second precinct of the third ward of Salem for several years. He was also a member of the county board of supervisors for two terms and he attends all of the local and congressional conventions of his party and is an earnest supporter of its candidates, voting the entire ticket. His wife passed away January 19, 1904, survived by her husband and three children: Maurice, living in Buda, Illinois; William Bryan, of this review; and Earl H., who makes his home in New Bedford, Illinois.

William B. Pitts completed his education as a high school pupil in Centralia, after which he started out to provide for his own support, being employed as a brakeman on the Chicago, Burlington & Quincy Railroad, with which he remained for three years. He was then with the E. L. Damon Construction Company of Centralia until his appointment as deputy sheriff of Marion county in January, 1933, since which time his efforts have been concentrated upon the performance of the duties of the office. Since attaining his majority he has worked indefatigably for the democratic party and attends all of its local meetings and conventions. He is a member of the Jefferson Club and he is now a candidate for the office of sheriff, having been nominated April 10, 1934. There is also an interesting military chapter in his life history, for in 1917 he enlisted in the United States Navy, with which he served until discharged December 23, 1918. He now belongs to Luther B. Easley Post, No. 128, of the American Legion.

JOHN STEAD

John Stead, who is highway maintenance patrolman in Henry county and a resident of Kewanee, has spent practically his entire life in this city, although he was born in Mineral, Bureau county, Illinois, in 1883. His parents, John and Pauline (Van Damore) Stead, were both natives of Belgium but in early life became residents of Illinois. The father followed the occupation of farming as a life work and politically became an active democrat. Both he and his wife have now passed away.

At the usual age John Stead became a pupil in the public schools of Kewanee, where the family home had been established, and after mastering the common branches of learning he became a molder, following the trade until February 6, 1932. He worked along that line consistently and occupied good positions, being in the employ of but two different companies, the Walworth Valve Company and the Kewanee Boiler Company. He thoroughly understood every phase of the work, rendered an expert service to the interests which he represented and was always loyal to the companies which employed him. On

the 6th of February, 1932, he was appointed highway maintenance patrolman and still occupies the position.

In 1900 Mr. Stead was united in marriage to Miss Blanche Stanton, of Kewanee, and they became the parents of a daughter, Cecile, who is now Mrs. Albert Eekwall. Mr. and Mrs. Eekwall reside in Kewanee and have one child, Beverly. Mrs. Stead is a member of the Baptist Church, while Mr. Stead belongs to the Catholic Church and feels that a man should give at least one hour a week to his religion. Since 1911 he has held membership with the Knights of Columbus. In politics he has ever been an active democrat and for twenty years has served as precinct committeeman. When he took up the position the precinct was recognized as a republican stronghold but it is now overwhelmingly democratic. He has devoted much time to bringing about this result, working untiringly for the interests of the party and its candidates, and he has attended every county convention held since he has attained his majority. His political activity is one of the important chapters in his life record and his service is thoroughly appreciated by party leaders, who rank him with the foremost democrats of Henry county.

JOHN H. MEYER

For more than a quarter of a century John H. Meyer has engaged in law practice and is also master in chancery. He maintains his office in Harrisburg and has been closely associated with the work of the courts, representing many important interests. Indiana claims him as a native son, his birth having occurred in Oldenburg, that state, July 4, 1874. While spending his youthful days in the home of his parents, Berthold and Genevieve (Hess) Meyer, he attended the public schools and later he took up the study of law at home, pursuing his reading until he was qualified to pass the bar examination in December, 1908. Throughout the intervening period to the present time he has practiced law and his clientage has constantly increased in volume and importance. He is now master in chancery and is as faithful to the duties of this position as he is to the interests of those who have engaged his professional services.

In Fredonia, New York, on the 4th of April, 1898, Mr. Meyer was married to Miss Myrtle Pease. On the 21st of June, 1910, in Harrisburg, Illinois, he married Grace Cleason and he has one son, Arthur H.

As a supporter of democratic principles Mr. Meyer has ever followed a consistent course, giving staunch support to the party during all of its campaigns and wherever possible working earnestly to further its interests. The offices which he has filled have been largely in the line of his profession. He was police magistrate from 1909 until 1913 and is now master in chancery. He was also city clerk from 1913 until 1915 and has ever discharged his public duties in a prompt and efficient manner. He has attended various county and state conventions and he is a member of the Jeffersonian Club.

ARTHUR H. GREELING

Arthur H. Greeling, of Kewanee, who is occupying the position of highway supervisor, was born in Industry, Illinois, May 1, 1876, a son of Adam and Emma (Smith) Greeling. The father was born and reared in Germany and the mother in the United States, but both are now deceased. He was a mason contractor and was an active democrat, working earnestly to further the interests of the party. He served as a school director and in other local offices.

In public schools of McDonough county, Illinois, Arthur H. Greeling was educated and when his textbooks were put aside he learned the mason's trade with his father, becoming a first-class workman. For thirty years he has been a mason contractor at Kewanee and evidences of his handiwork are seen in many of the fine structures of the city which he has aided in erecting. He did plastering and everything that goes with the mason's trade, and the public recognized that any work entrusted to him would be well done. On the 6th

of February, 1933, he was made highway maintenance supervisor, which position he still fills. His territory consists of highway district No. 4, comprising Knox, Henry, Bureau, Stark, Putnam, Marshall and Peoria counties and he has jurisdiction over approximately four hundred employees, in addition to buying the necessary supplies. His long experience in the contracting business makes him very competent to fill this position.

Mr. Greeling has always been active in democratic circles since age conferred upon him the right of franchise and he has done effective work for the party, serving as precinct committeeman of his precinct since it was organized. He has also acted as judge of elections since the precinct was formed and is regarded as one of the most stalwart democrats of his community. Fraternally he is identified with the Mystic Workers.

On the 2d of August, 1902, Mr. Greeling was married to Miss Irene Davis, who was born in Lamotte, Illinois. They have a wide acquaintance in Kewanee, where they have long made their home and where their circle of friends is an extensive one.

LEWIS L. BOYER

Lewis L. Boyer, county superintendent of highways in Adams county, with offices in the court house at Quincy, was born in Richfield township, this county, May 19, 1886, a son of John L. and Louise (Koetzle) Boyer. His grandparents in the paternal line were Lewis L. and Elizabeth (Rhoads) Boyer. The former, a native of Boyertown, Pennsylvania, came to Richfield township, Adams county, Illinois, prior to the Civil war, in which he served with the Union forces. John L. Boyer, the father of our subject, was born in Richfield township in October, 1860, and died December 4, 1919. In 1885 he married Louise Koetzle, who was born in Augusta, Illinois, September 15, 1869. John L. Boyer was reared in his native township and became a stock buyer and dealer who enjoyed an unassailable reputation because of the honesty and fairness of his business methods at all times. He was also prominent in the community as an officeholder. He served as assessor of his township for twenty-three consecutive years and from 1894 until 1914 was deputy sheriff of Adams county, his incumbency in that position covering two decades. His record at all times measured up to the highest standards of manhood and citizenship. He belonged to the Modern Woodmen of America, becoming a charter member of Richfield Lodge. His widow still makes her home in Quincy. They were the parents of five children, as follows: Lewis L., of this review; Harney, who died at the age of thirteen months; Chester A., who died in 1918; Roscoe L., a resident of Quincy, who is assistant county superintendent of highways; and Robert E., also living in Quincy, who is the democratic nominee for treasurer of Adams county.

After attending the public schools of Richfield township and graduating from the high school at Liberty with the class of 1904, Lewis L. Boyer began teaching and followed that profession for six years in the rural schools of Richfield. He was then appointed principal of the high school at Liberty and occupied the position for five years. More of his pupils have become teachers than those of any other educator in the county. Mr. Boyer imparted clearly and readily to others the knowledge that he had acquired and his work in the school-room was most excellent and of far-reaching effect. In 1914 he was appointed county superintendent of highways in Adams county and has occupied the position continuously since. Under his administration the entire highway system of the county has been developed and it is second to none in the state of Illinois. Through his activities at the time of the sixty million dollar bond issue, during the administration of Governor Len Small, he secured more money for Adams county than was given to Cook county. He holds a certificate of appreciation from the county highway board for his success. During 1920 he was chairman of the State Association of County Highway Superintendents. On the 1st of March, 1934, he was appointed a member of the advisory committee of the



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National Rivers and Harbors Congress. His political endorsement has always been given to the democratic party and he served for twelve years as precinct committeeman on the Adams county democratic central committee, of which he is at present a member.

On the 7th of May, 1910, Mr. Boyer was united in marriage to Miss Effie Proctor, daughter of John and Laura (Hampton) Proctor. Mrs. Boyer is an active leader in women's democratic circles and is committeeman in her precinct. Mr. and Mrs. Boyer are the parents of a son, John L., who is a graduate of the Western Military Academy and now, at the age of nineteen years, is a student in the University of Illinois, following his father in pursuing a course in engineering. He is a member of the Chi Phi, a military engineering fraternity.

Fraternally Mr. Boyer is a Mason and has attained the thirty-second degree of the Scottish Rite. He also belongs to the Eastern Star and to Ghazza Grotto. He is likewise an Eagle and is vice president of the state acerie of Eagles. He belongs to the Moose, the Woodmen, to the Vermilion Club and the South Side Boat Club, all of which indicates his social nature. He is a man of genial personality and strong character, widely and favorably known in the county where his entire life has been passed.

VICTOR PEARCE

Victor Pearce, of Shawneetown, is the county clerk of Gallatin county, to which office he was elected in 1930 and re-elected without opposition in 1934. He has been a lifelong resident of Illinois, his birth having occurred in Roland, White county, March 3, 1873, his parents being Granville R. and Margaret (Winfree) Pearce. While spending his youthful days in his parents' home he attended the public schools and later pursued a correspondence course through the Armour Institute of Technology in Chicago. He has always been a music lover and possesses much talent in connection with that art. Formerly he was a bandmaster instructor, but his attention is now concentrated almost entirely upon his public duties as a county official.

On the 22nd of May, 1932, in Elizabethtown, Illinois, Mr. Pearce was united in marriage to Miss Nancy Willis. In politics he has been a democrat from the age of twenty-one years and has taken active part in every election. In 1914 he was called to office, being made county superintendent of highways, in which capacity he continued to act until 1920, covering a period of six years. For three terms he was county surveyor, being first chosen for the office in 1896. Again he was elected in 1912 and once more in 1916, so that he served altogether for twelve years in that position. There was no opponent nominated by the republicans when in 1933 he was made the democratic nominee for county clerk, receiving a large vote at the polls. His trustworthiness in office is well known and his loyalty to any public duty is never questioned. His life is governed by the teachings of the Presbyterian Church, in which he has long held membership, and as a man and as a citizen he is highly esteemed.

LEROY CLARK SMITH

LeRoy Clark Smith, a representative of the highway police force, makes his home in Galva, his native city. He was born on the 4th of April, 1909, of the marriage of Clark and Nellie (Becklean) Smith, both of whom are residents of Galva, where the former engages in business as a trucker. He is a democrat in politics and is now serving as a member of the township committee.

LeRoy C. Smith attended the public schools until graduated from the Galva high school in 1927. Inheriting musical talent which he cultivated, he has long played the saxophone and this constituted his chief vocation as well as his pleasure for a time. He also worked in an ice plant and aided his father in the trucking business, but on the 24th of March, 1933, he was appointed highway maintenance policeman and has since acted in that capacity.

On the 3d of July, 1931, Mr. Smith was united in marriage to Miss Jean

Howeler, of Wyoming, Illinois, and they are the parents of a son, Roger. The religious faith of Mr. and Mrs. Smith is that of the Congregational Church and in addition he holds membership in the Independent Order of Odd Fellows. He is a member of the Young Democratic Club of Henry county and is vice president of the Galva club, while Mrs. Smith is a member of the Eastern Star. There have been no exciting chapters in his life record, but he has always been actuated by a steady purpose and has gained and retained the respect and goodwill of his fellow townsmen.

EDWARD J. DUFFY

Among the residents of La Salle county who are filling state offices is numbered Edward J. Duffy, of La Salle, who is now a parole agent. Much of his life has here been passed, although he is a native of the state of Michigan, his birth having occurred in Bay City, June 19, 1899. He is a son of James and Ann (Downey) Duffy, both of whom were natives of Canada and who many years ago came to La Salle county, where they still make their home. They formerly conducted a hotel and later Mr. Duffy worked for various coal companies. He has always been an active democrat, giving unfaltering support to the party and its principles.

Edward J. Duffy was very young when the family home was established in La Salle, Illinois and he pursued his education in the parochial schools graduating from St. Vincents high school in 1916. He then worked for the Western Clock Company until August, 1933. Beginning as an assembler, he was promoted to the position of assistant foreman of the electric clock department. He was made one of the parole officers of the state by appointment of Governor Horner and has since filled the position. Like his father, he has always been an unfaltering advocate of the democratic party and has worked consistently for its success at the polls. He has served for four years as treasurer of the democratic organization of La Salle county, being still in office; has served as township chairman since 1928, and has been precinct committeeman for eight years. His labors have been effective in bringing about results beneficial to the party and he is gratified by the steady growth democracy has made.

In 1920 Mr. Duffy was united in marriage to Miss Margaret Brunick, a daughter of William and Margaret (Canty) Brunick of Ottawa. Jerome Canty, her mother's brother was long an influential figure in democratic circles in Ottawa and served as alderman of the city. The family have all been active in the democratic party including John Cassiday of Peoria, a cousin of Mrs. Duffy, who was state director of the NRA in Illinois and a prominent attorney of Peoria. Mr. and Mrs. Duffy are the parents of a son, Edward. They attend St. Patrick's Catholic Church and Mr. Duffy is also a member of the Knights of Columbus. He is a member of all the democratic clubs of the township and has assisted in the organization of them. Mrs. Duffy is active in ladies political organizations and served one term as vice county chairwoman.

PERRY E. HALLAM

Perry E. Hallam, the postmaster of the town of Tamaleo in Bond county, was here born March 7, 1885. His parents were Ewing E. and Laura E. (Ellington) Hallam, and the father, who gave his political support to the democratic party, served for two terms as justice of the peace in Tamaleo township a number of years ago.

The grade schools of his native town accorded Perry E. Hallam his early educational privileges and after completing his studies here he spent one year as a pupil in the high school at Nashville, Illinois. In 1906 he secured the position of railway mail clerk and served in that capacity for two years. He then returned to his old home in Tamaleo and became a rural mail carrier, serving for nine consecutive years. On the 1st of June, 1919, he purchased a mercantile business in Tamaleo and has since conducted it, having a well

equipped store and winning a substantial portion of the public trade. On the 15th of February, 1934, he was appointed acting postmaster of his town and is now serving in the office. He has always voted with the democratic party, and while he has never aspired to public office, his record as a citizen is most commendable. He is acting as a school trustee in his township and his aid and influence can always be counted upon to further any measure for civic betterment.

On the 25th of December, 1907, in Tamaleo, Illinois, Mr. Hallam was united in marriage to Miss Caroline E. Minton and they are the parents of two daughters, Vivian and May. Mr. Hallam belongs to the Modern Woodmen of America and also has membership in the Presbyterian Church, the teachings of which have guided him in all the relations of life.

CLEM WISER

Clem Wiser, filling the position of postmaster at Martinsville, Clark county, has a most creditable record both as a public official and as a business man. He has always lived here, so that his life is as an open book to his fellow townsmen. He was born in Martinsville on the 2d of April, 1892, a son of Greenough L. and Jessie (Best) Wiser. While spending his youthful days in his parents' home, he attended the public schools up to and including the work of the eighth grade and later he pursued a three years' course in the Eastern Illinois State Teachers College at Charleston. At length his textbooks were put aside and he began earning his own living by working as a salesman, being employed in that way for some time. He carefully saved his earnings till industry and economy had brought him sufficient capital to establish a mercantile business on his own account, and this he conducted for eight years. In 1922 he took over the Ford automobile agency in Martinsville and is now owner of a garage which he has conducted for twelve years, meeting with a fair measure of success.

On the 19th of December, 1915, in Martinsville, Illinois, Mr. Wiser was united in marriage to Miss Cecil Winters and they are the parents of two daughters, Evelyn and Elaine.

Mr. Wiser has always voted with the democratic party, being a firm believer in its basic principles, and has been called upon to serve in several local offices, having filled the position of town clerk in Parker township, Clark county, and also that of city collector of Martinsville, and in 1934 he was appointed postmaster, so that he is the present incumbent in the position. Mr. Wiser attends the Church of God and fraternally is a Mason, while something of the nature of his recreation is indicated in the fact that he belongs to the Martinsville Rod and Gun Club, greatly enjoying trips into the open for fish and game.

L. ROY HASKIN

L. Roy Haskin, active since his majority in the ranks of the democratic party and at one time chairman of the county central committee of Crawford county, now makes his home in Robinson, where he is connected with the office of the Lincoln Refining Company. He was born in Crawford county, Illinois, March 28, 1900, a son of John F. and Grace D. (Douglas) Haskin. The mother, who was born in Indiana, became a resident of Crawford county soon after the Civil war. The father was a native of this county, his people having come to Illinois from Kentucky prior to the period of hostilities between the north and the south. He followed farming in Martin township and there filled several township offices. He was also a delegate to a number of the state conventions of the democratic party, to which he gave earnest allegiance from the time he attained his majority to the time of his death in 1932. His widow still survives.

In the rural schools of Martin township, Crawford county, L. Roy Haskin pursued his early education, continuing his studies in the high school at Robin-

son and subsequently entering the University of Illinois. In the spring of 1918, however, he discontinued his college course in order to enlist in the United States Army. He was afterward transferred to the aviation department, in which he served until discharged in January, 1919. Returning to Robinson, he was here employed as a clerk in the Globe General Store until 1921, when he became associated with the Brubaker & Son Lumber Company, with which he was connected for seven years. On the expiration of that period in 1928, he was elected on the democratic ticket to the office of city treasurer. He served for a two years' term and was then employed for a short time by the Lincoln Refining Company in a clerical capacity. From December 27, 1932, until March 15, 1934, he was employed by the A. V. Service Gas, Inc., after which he secured a position in the main office of the Lincoln Refining Company, with which he is now connected.

Mr. Haskin has been active in politics since he reached the age of twenty-one years and in 1931 he was elected committeeman from the second ward, while later he was chosen chairman of the democratic central committee of Crawford county. He served as a delegate to the state convention in Springfield in 1934 and he has attended the congressional and judicial conventions of the last two years. He has stumped the county in support of the entire ticket in all campaigns since 1928 and he attended the inauguration of Governor Henry Horner in January, 1933. He was one of the organizers and remains a member of the Crawford County Jeffersonian Club and he utilizes every opportunity to promote party victories and secure the adoption of the political principles in which he so firmly believes. Mr. Haskin is also well known through his fraternal connections, for he is affiliated with the Masons and with the Elks and served as exalted ruler of the latter in 1925. He likewise belongs to the American Legion.

DAVID T. STUART

David T. Stuart, state mine inspector, making his home in Belleville, was born at Eastbank, West Virginia, October 19, 1886. His father, William Henry Stuart, was a native of Pennsylvania and was a miner, as was also his father. The three generations of the family have devoted altogether one hundred and forty-three years to mining in this country. William H. Stuart was also prominent in organized labor movements in the early days and as such suffered much for the cause, being blacklisted in Pennsylvania by reason of his connection with the movement. He therefore removed to West Virginia, where he experienced much of the same difficulty. In politics he was originally a republican but was converted to democracy at the time that William Jennings Bryan was presidential candidate. His wife bore the maiden name of Mary Cusick.

David T. Stuart was educated in the public schools of West Virginia and when eleven years of age he entered the mines as a trapdoor tender and dispatcher. While thus employed he attended night school and he also took a course under the direction of the International Correspondence Schools. Still working in the mines, he won advancement from time to time, becoming miner, driver boss, assistant mine manager and mine manager. He was the youngest man in West Virginia to receive papers as mine manager. At the age of twenty-four years he came to Franklin county, Illinois, where he took up mining and so continued until 1933. He organized the First Aid in the Mine Rescue Team which won the world's championship in Springfield in 1925. From 1898 he was an active member of the United Mine Workers and has served as president, recording secretary, financial secretary and pit committeeman in the Belleville local. He was also president of the Belleville Trades and Labor Assembly for five years and he has represented the local organizations in several national and international conventions. On the 16th of February, 1934, he was appointed state mine inspector for the eighth district, composed of Clinton, Monroe and St. Clair counties, the appointment coming to him from Governor Horner. Mr.



MR. AND MRS. DAVID T. STUART

Stuart, on being appointed state mine inspector withdrew his membership in the Miners organization, due to the fact that a man in his position has to be impartial in his decisions affecting the miners.

Since his youthful days Mr. Stuart has been unfaltering in his political work and he cast his first presidential ballot for William Jennings Bryan. He belongs to the Belleville Jeffersonian Club and was a member of the Al Smith for President Club. He belongs to and was the organizer of the Young Mens Democratic Club. He has been a non-partisan candidate for the office of justice of the peace and for that of city clerk.

In June, 1911, Mr. Stuart was united in marriage to Miss Olga Lienhardt, a native of Germany, and they are the parents of a daughter, Rita. Mrs. Stuart belongs to the League of Women Voters and the Democratic City and County Club. Mr. Stuart belongs to the Loyal Order of Moose and to the Knights of Columbus. All his activities have centered around industrial labor and safety work and he has accomplished much in behalf of mining interests, especially for the workmen who must risk the dangers of actual work in the mines.

JOHN G. REHWALD

John G. Rehwald, postmaster at Altamont, has always been active in democratic circles since attaining his majority and thereby winning the right to vote. He is a native son of Altamont, his birth having here occurred June 21, 1884. His father, Ernst J. Rehwald, was born in the state of New York and was the son of a Lutheran minister who was stationed as pastor of a church at Sheboygan, Wisconsin, for some time. He died at Detroit, Michigan, while en route to New York to attend a Lutheran conference. His son, Ernst J. Rehwald, came with his mother to Effingham county, Illinois, in 1864, and here he engaged in farming in early manhood but later secured a clerkship in the employ of George Hillemann, with whom he continued for more than thirty years. In 1900 he established a general store on his own account and conducted it successfully until 1903, when he retired with a comfortable competence gained as the result of his diligence and enterprise. He was a staunch democrat and was active in his work for the party in Mound township. For several terms he filled the office of town clerk. His wife, who bore the maiden name of Mary Sy, was born in the state of New York and came with her parents to Effingham county, Illinois, in 1865, the family settling on a farm in Mound township. Mrs. Rehwald survived her husband for several years, passing away in 1929. Ernst J. Rehwald was called to his final rest in 1925.

John G. Rehwald supplemented his public school education by a correspondence course in business and banking and started out in the business world as an employe in his father's store, which was conducted under the firm name of Zaeha, Rehwald & Shultz, until 1903, when A. A. Milleville became owner of the business. In this he continued until June 19, 1933, when he was appointed postmaster of Altamont by President Roosevelt. This was a public acknowledgment of his loyalty to the democratic party since he had attained his majority and an appreciation of his service in its behalf. He is well qualified for the position and discharges his duties with promptness and fidelity. He attends the local conventions of the party and he belongs to the Jeffersonian Club. He is also Effingham County chairman of the University of Illinois Dads' Association.

His sister Henrietta is also active in democratic politics. In 1892 she was appointed assistant postmaster of Altamont and served in that capacity until 1913, when she was appointed postmaster by President Wilson, thus administering the affairs of the office until 1922. She is also a member of the Jeffersonian Club.

It was in 1911 that John G. Rehwald was united in marriage to Miss Jennie Grobengieser, who was born in Effingham county, Illinois, and is a daughter

of A. W. and Hulda (Wendt) Grobengieser, members of a pioneer democratic family of this section of the state. Mr. and Mrs. Rehwald have two sons: Edmund, who was born March 3, 1912, and is attending the University of Illinois; and John G., Jr., who was born January 6, 1919, and is a high school student in Altamont. Mrs. Rehwald, like her husband, is a democrat and belongs to the Jeffersonian Club. Both are members of St. Paul's Lutheran Church and take an active and helpful interest in church work, Mr. Rehwald now serving as one of the trustees and as church treasurer. His interest in community affairs is shown in his identification with the Chamber of Commerce and his hearty support of all of its measures for the general good.

DAVID WESLEY LEIGH

Among the men who are directing the mail service in Illinois is numbered David Wesley Leigh, who is filling the position of postmaster at Ramsey, Fayette county. Here he was born December 24, 1874, his parents being David Wesley and Mary Jane (Dodson) Leigh. His father was born in Tennessee and was only eighteen months old when brought by his parents to Fayette county, Illinois, in the late '30s, the grandfather here entering land from the government and taking up the task of transforming the virgin soil into a productive farm. Later David W. Leigh, Sr., followed farming in Ramsey township and he was also active in the public life of the community, filling various township offices and also serving for several years as a member of the county board. He was county committeeman for a number of years and acted as chairman of the county central committee for several terms. He attended many of the state, congressional and judicial conventions and he always supported the entire party ticket, remaining a staunch and active democrat to the last. He passed away February 15, 1913. His wife, who was born in Fayette county, represented one of the early families who came from Tennessee to this state in the late '30s. Here her people followed farming and they gave loyal support to the democratic party.

David Wesley Leigh, whose name introduces this review, acquired a country school education in Ramsey township but put aside his textbooks at an early age in order to assist his father on the home farm. He was thus employed until he reached the age of twenty-three years, when he began farming on his own account and so continued until 1912. In that year he established his home in Ramsey and began conducting a coal business, which he still owns. He has enjoyed a liberal patronage throughout the intervening period and his business methods commend him to the support of the general public. On the 16th of February, 1934, he was appointed postmaster of Ramsey and is now serving in that position. He has been active in democratic politics since reaching adult age and for twenty-five years he served as committeeman of Ramsey township. He was also chairman of the Fayette county democratic central committee for one term and has done much to further party interests in this locality. Since 1923 he has been a member of the county board of supervisors and for two terms has acted as its chairman. For eight years he filled the office of alderman of Ramsey and did everything in his power to further municipal progress. His eighteen years' service on the board of education proved him a stalwart champion of the cause of the schools and he has ever held to high standards in promoting the educational work of the county. On many occasions he has attended the state, congressional and judicial conventions of the democratic party and through many campaigns has covered the county in support of the entire party ticket.

On the 26th of December, 1897, Mr. Leigh was married to Miss Nora E. Williams, a native of Fayette county, Illinois, and a daughter of B. A. and Melvina (O'Rear) Williams, members of pioneer democratic families of this section of the state. Mr. and Mrs. Leigh are the parents of the following children: Fred, who is a graduate of the Ramsey high school and resides at

Freeport, Illinois; Ola, also a high school graduate, who taught school in Ramsey for several years and is now the wife of Paul Morrison of Hanson, Illinois; Nell, likewise a high school graduate, who is conducting a beauty shop in Ramsey; Gertrude, a high school graduate, who has followed the teaching profession in Ramsey during the past nine years; Thedis, also a high school graduate, who is the wife of Floyd Green, of Ramsey; and June and Irene, who are high school students. All of the children are active in support of democratic principles. Mr. Leigh is a member of the Masonic fraternity and the Christian Church, associations which indicate much of the nature of his interests and the rules that govern his conduct. He likewise belongs to the Jeffersonian Club and to the Illinois Postmasters Association.

WILLIAM G. PRUEMER

William G. Pruemer, long identified with farming interests in Effingham county, is also a well known representative of the democratic party here and is now a candidate for the office of county treasurer. He was born in this county on the 23d of September, 1871, and is a son of J. B. and Elizabeth (Schoenhoff) Pruemer, the latter a native of Hamilton county, Ohio. The father was born in Westphalia, Germany, and was brought to the United States in 1858, when but seven years of age, the family home being established in Effingham county, Illinois, where the grandfather, William G. Pruemer, entered land from the government and developed a farm that is still in possession of the family. Here J. B. Pruemer was reared and for many years was connected with agricultural interests of this section. His wife was also a representative of one of the old families of Effingham county, closely identified with its agricultural development. J. B. Pruemer passed away October 8, 1921, and in his going the community lost a valued and worthy citizen. In politics he was a staunch democrat and he filled a number of township offices. His widow survives and yet occupies the old home place.

William G. Pruemer pursued his education in the rural schools of Bishop township and his youthful experiences were those of the farm-bred boy who divides his time between the work of the fields and the pleasures of the playground when not in attendance at school. After attaining his majority he took up farming on his own account and in 1900 purchased two hundred acres of land. He has since added to his holdings until they now aggregate four hundred and forty acres and he devotes his attention to the raising of grain and live stock, handling horses, cattle, sheep and hogs. His business affairs are wisely managed and the result of his labors is very gratifying.

Since attaining his majority Mr. Pruemer has taken an active interest in politics, always supporting the democratic party with firm faith in its principles. In 1892 he filled the office of constable and in 1896 was chosen assessor, a position which he occupied for seven consecutive years. He was elected and served for six years as highway commissioner and for three terms was supervisor of St. Francis township. He was also for three terms county chairman of the democratic county central committee and was a member of the committee altogether for eleven years. On the 10th of April, 1934, he was nominated on the democratic ticket for the office of county treasurer. The excellent record which he has already made in office indicates that if elected he will serve the public wisely and well as the custodian of its funds. Over his entire official record there falls no shadow of wrong or suspicion of evil, for he has ever been prompt, faithful and reliable in the discharge of his duties. He has always attended the local, congressional and judicial conventions of his party and is unfaltering in his support of the entire ticket.

In 1897 Mr. Pruemer was married to Miss Anna Deters, a daughter of Anton and Angela (Rodtke) Deters, who passed away January 10, 1929. Their children are eight in number, namely: Ben, now living in Effingham; Mamie, the wife of Ferd Cernsen, of St. Francis township, Effingham county; Henry,

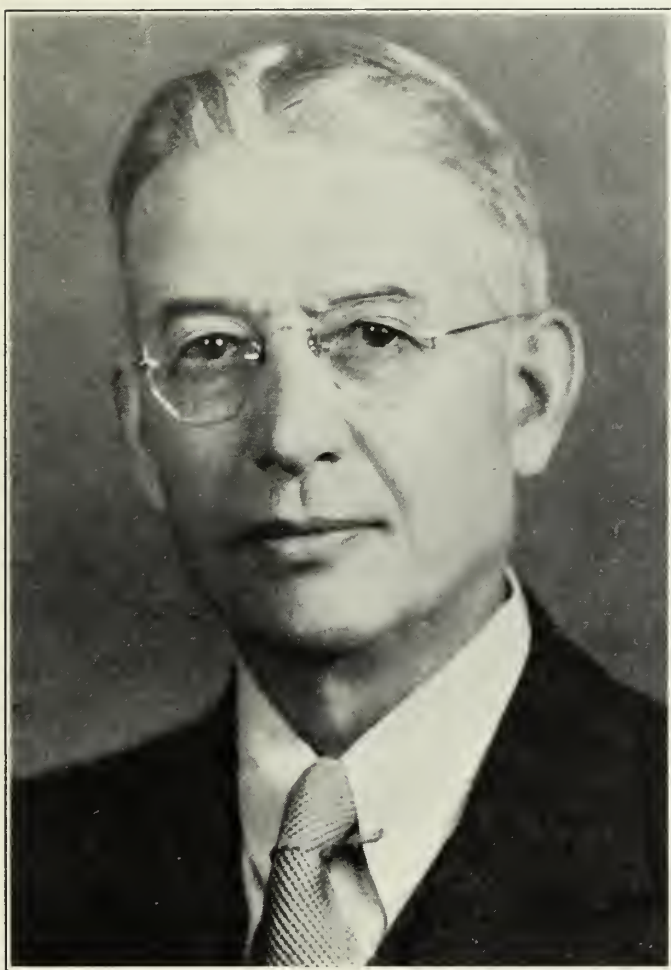
at home: Helen, the wife of Alfred Fuesting, of Effingham; and Katie, Anna, William and John, all at home. Mr. Prucmer is a member of St. Francis Catholic Church and belongs to St. Peter's Men's Sodality. He has always been interested in the educational progress of his community and for three years has served on the school board. He stands for all that works for civic betterment and whether in business or in politics is a progressive man.

ALLAN COLE

The saying, "Death loves a shining mark," seemed exemplified in the passing of Allan Cole and his wife on October 18, 1934. They were closely associated with the public interests of Sangamon county, Mr. Cole as county sheriff and as a candidate for the state legislature from the forty-fifth district. Both were identified with journalistic interests of central Illinois, being joint owners and workers in the publication of the Pleasant Plains Argus and the New Berlin Bee. They were also active in efforts for the social and moral progress of the community in which they lived and in their passing Sangamon county lost two of its most helpful and valued citizens.

Allan Cole was born in Portland, Maine, March 1, 1874, his parents being Thomas and Sarah I. Cole, who always remained residents of New England. The father was a strong democrat and a party director in his community, but he never held nor desired public office. Allan Cole acquired a public school education in Boston and also received private instruction in English, rhetoric and literature. Later he received the honorary degree of M. P. J. (member profession of journalism), conferred by the School of Journalism of the University of Illinois. Starting out in the business world, he began learning the printer's trade as an apprentice in New England and later worked on the Boston Journal, the New York Herald, the Washington Star and the Pittsburgh Gazette Times. In fact he was connected with important papers all over the country and for twenty years held a position on the St. Louis Times. For nine years prior to the tragedy which terminated their lives, he and his wife owned and published the Pleasant Plains Argus and the New Berlin Bee, papers supporting the principles of democracy and seeking to further the interests and successes of its nominees. Mr. Cole was a member of Springfield Typographical Union, No. 177, and served on the executive committee of the Sangamon county democratic organization. On the 12th of September, 1933, he was appointed to the office of sheriff of Sangamon county to fill a vacancy occasioned by the ill health of the former incumbent, Samuel D. Metcalf.

In St. Louis, on the 31st of August, 1926, was celebrated the marriage of Mr. Cole and Miss Molly Clayton, of Clayton, Missouri, which town was named in honor of her forefathers. Mrs. Cole was a school teacher in St. Louis and did much valuable social welfare work. She took a helpful interest in the activities of women's clubs and at the time of her death was matron of the Eastern Star at Pleasant Plains, where she and her husband made their home. Fraternally Mr. Cole was a thirty-second degree Mason, a past master of Apollo Lodge, No. 529, A. F. & A. M., of St. Louis, a member of Springfield Consistory of the Scottish Rite and of Ansar Temple of the Mystic Shrine. He and his wife were members of the Methodist Church of Pleasant Plains, and until he became sheriff he taught the Bible class of its Sunday school and Mrs. Cole was also one of the teachers. His influence was always found on the side of upright manhood and his life was ever actuated by high ideals. Mr. and Mrs. Cole were driving to Jacksonville to attend a political meeting when the tragic automobile accident occurred that resulted in the death of both. In this connection the Illinois State Register said: "He did not yearn for public office, but was, in a measure at least, drafted for service as sheriff. In that office he displayed such courage, ability and integrity that it was natural that promotion in public service should beckon to him. His nomination as a democratic candidate for representative in the Illinois general assembly followed



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It was while proceeding to a democratic meeting in Jacksonville that he and Mrs. Cole were killed—a double sacrifice to his vital interest in clean politics and good government. Active in church work at Pleasant Plains, and a constant helpmate to her husband, Mrs. Cole was a woman of fine character and exceptional abilities. That two such earnest, able and conscientious citizens should be lost to the community through an avoidable accident is a crushing blow indeed. Mingled with the high esteem which the people of the community hold for Sheriff and Mrs. Cole and the sympathy extended to relatives and close friends, is the consoling conviction that they fought a good fight and have left a sweet memory of lives well lived and service well rendered for the betterment of mankind."

EDWIN G. STIFLE

Edwin G. Stifle, deputy county treasurer of Crawford county and a resident of Robinson, has spent his entire life in this community, where his family has been represented from pioneer times. His father, Charles M. Stifle, was born in Ohio but was brought to Illinois by his parents when only a year old, the family home being established in Crawford county, where the grandfather entered land from the government. He made farming his life work, as did his son, Charles M. Stifle. The latter married Mary Jane Potts, a native of Indiana, and both were staunch democrats.

Edwin G. Stifle was born in Crawford county, Illinois, May 18, 1878, and attended the district schools in his home township, while later he became a pupil in the Effingham Academy at Effingham, Illinois. He next took up the profession of teaching, which he followed in Crawford county for three years, and then turned his attention to farming. He still owns one of the fine farm properties of the county and its splendid development and improvement have always been to him a source of justifiable pride. He belongs to the Grange, a farm organization that has done much to promote agricultural interests.

In politics Mr. Stifle has always been an active democrat and has attended some of the congressional, judicial and state conventions but on the whole has preferred to let others act as delegates, while he has given more attention to organization work and the promotion of harmony in party ranks. His labors along these lines have been most effective and he has come to be recognized as a democratic leader of Crawford county. In 1901 he was elected township collector and in 1910 won a majority at the polls when a candidate for county treasurer, in which office he served for four years. In 1922 he was again called to the same position, serving until 1926, and since that time he has been deputy county treasurer for four years, so that his entire connection with the county treasurer's office covers a period of twelve years.

In 1901 Mr. Stifle was married to Miss Josephine Stentz, a daughter of Mr. and Mrs. John Stentz, who were natives of Germany and on coming to the United States settled in Crawford county, Illinois, where after becoming American citizens they gave staunch allegiance to the democratic party. Mr. and Mrs. Stifle have a family of six children, three sons and three daughters, namely: Clarence, who is living on the old homestead and who is an active democratic worker in his township and a member of the Jeffersonian Club; Lawrence, a farmer of Crawford county; Ethel, Elva and Marie, all living in this county; and Ethan, who is a chemical engineer of Rochester, New York. The Stifle family has long been represented in this section of the state and the sterling worth of those who bear the name has gained for them the warm esteem and high regard of all with whom they have come in contact.

ELMER C. HOWE

In 1933 Governor Henry Horner appointed Elmer C. Howe to the position of game warden and he is acting in that capacity. Since attaining his majority he has been an earnest worker in democratic ranks and his labors during this period of more than a quarter of a century have been most effective and far-

reaching. Mr. Howe makes his home in Robinson and is a native son of Crawford county, Illinois, his birth having here occurred January 23, 1886. His parents were Sylvanus and Mary (Gordon) Howe, natives of Ohio and Indiana, respectively. The father came to Crawford county, Illinois, in 1874, settling on a farm in Robinson township, after which he devoted his attention to the tilling of the soil until his death in 1932. He was not only a firm believer in democratic principles but an active worker for their support. His wife passed away in 1916.

Elmer C. Howe left school at an early age to aid his father on the farm and was thus employed until 1909. Political activity, as well as business affairs, has claimed his attention. When the attainment of his majority brought to him the right of franchise, he became a pronounced advocate of democratic principles and in 1912 was elected township assessor, in which position he served for two years. He has since spent much time in the offices of the county treasurer and the county clerk during the busy season. He followed road contracting from 1928 until 1933, when he was appointed by Governor Horner to the position of game warden for this district. For fourteen years he served as committeeman of Robinson township and has been active in organization work. He has attended all the local, congressional and judicial conventions and his efforts have been an effective force in promoting the growth of the party in this county.

In 1909 Mr. Howe was married to Miss Blanch Steel, of Crawford county, Illinois, and they have become parents of a daughter and a son, Louise and Edward. The former is the wife of John Allison and is a stenographer for the Daily News. Mr. and Mrs. Allison have been active in democratic politics and are members of the Jeffersonian Club. In his fraternal relations Mr. Howe is an Elk. He has a wide acquaintance in the county where he has spent his entire life and where his many good qualities have gained for him a large circle of friends.

W. LEE PARK

The farming interests of Sangamon county find a worthy representative in W. Lee Park, who was born in Ball township, this county, July 6, 1894. His parents, Alvin Luther and Eva L. (Lawley) Park, are also natives of Sangamon county, the father coming from Cotton Hill township. He was a farmer and also conducted a mercantile business in Ball and Cotton Hill townships for a period of eighteen years. A thorough believer in democratic principles, he has labored effectively for the interests of the party, has served as collector and as assessor in Cotton Hill township and is now candidate for county sheriff.

In his youthful days W. Lee Park attended the public schools of Cotton Hill township and afterward the junior high school. When his textbooks were put aside he became associated with his father in farming and so continued until 1917, when he started out independently. Through the intervening period of seventeen years he has carefully and wisely managed his agricultural interests and is accounted one of the representative farmers of his section of the state. Political interests have also been given a due share of his time and attention and he has capably served his fellow townsmen in public affairs. In 1919 he was elected township clerk of Cotton Hill township and filled the position for two years. He was also the district manager for the Jeffersonian Club, a democratic organization, in the presidential campaign of 1932, and he was likewise active in the Roosevelt-Horner organization. In the spring of the same year he was elected town clerk of Ball township and in 1933 was made one of the official sealers of Sangamon and Montgomery counties. He is likewise a member of the grain and warehouse board of Sangamon county.

On January 29, 1916, was celebrated the marriage of Mr. Park and Miss Enla Walker, a daughter of E. D. and Mary Walker. Her father was born

and reared in Schuyler county, Illinois, and her mother in Sangamon county. The Walker family have always been strict adherents of the democratic party and the father of Mrs. Park was an active worker in its ranks. He served as township supervisor and also filled the office of assessor of Cotton Hill township. His death occurred in 1928. Mr. and Mrs. Park have become the parents of two sons, Russell and Loren, aged respectively thirteen and ten years and now public school pupils of Ball township. The family have membership in the Methodist Church of Chatham and Mr. Park is a high degree Mason, having attained the thirty-second degree in Springfield Consistory. He has likewise crossed the sands of the desert with the Nobles of Ansar Temple of the Mystic Shrine and he is ever loyal to the teachings of the craft, just as he is faithful to every cause which he espouses.

ARTHUR NAPOLEON EDWARDS

A high standard of citizenship has always been maintained by Arthur Napoleon Edwards, who is now living in Batavia and who is a member of the highway patrol. He was born in Chicago, November 17, 1894, a son of Edward and Anna Edwards, both of whom have passed away. The father was a supporter of the democratic party and took an active interest in politics.

Arthur N. Edwards was educated in the schools of Chicago, after which he was employed in various ways. He came to Batavia in 1919 and entered the employ of the gas company, with which he remained until 1932, when he was appointed a highway maintenance patrolman and has since served in this connection. He was reared in the democratic faith, of which he has always been a loyal adherent and an earnest and unremitting worker for the party interests, being particularly helpful in the campaign for Representative John F. Petit.

In 1922 Mr. Edwards was united in marriage to Miss Dora Anderson and they are the parents of two children. In his fraternal relations Mr. Edwards is connected with the Independent Order of Odd Fellows, while his religious belief is indicated in his membership in the Episcopalian Church. He cooperates in all activities for the social, intellectual and moral progress of the community and always holds to high standards of living, winning the respect, confidence and goodwill of his fellowmen by reason of an upright life.

EDGAR TURNER

Edgar Turner, deputy bank receiver for the state of Illinois and a well known resident of Modesto, was born in North Palmyra township, Macoupin county, September 18, 1880, a son of Thomas and Sarah (Watts) Turner, both of whom were natives of Morgan county, Illinois. The father followed the occupation of farming and he came of a family that for generations has been connected with the democratic party.

Edgar Turner attended the grammar and high schools of Modesto, and starting out in the business world, secured employment with the Alexander Lumber Company, with which he was identified for several years, working in Modesto and other parts of the state. In 1906 he turned his attention to general merchandising and is still interested in that business. He was for a time associated with the internal revenue department at Springfield under John L. Pickering, acting as assistant cashier until 1923. He then returned to Modesto, where again he engaged in general merchandising, in which he still continues. Since October, 1933, he has been deputy receiver under Receiver William L. O'Connell. His political allegiance has always been given to the democratic party and he has served as township collector, assessor and clerk. He is a member of the executive committee of Macoupin county from North Palmyra township and does everything in his power to further the interests and promote the successes of democracy in the county. He has served on the school board and the village board of Modesto and his aid and influence are always given on the side of progress, reform and improvement.

On the 1st of May, 1907, Mr. Turner was united in marriage to Miss Clara

Zelmer, daughter of August and Luthella Zelmer. Mr. and Mrs. Turner are the parents of two daughters, Doris and Florence. They attend and support the Methodist Church of Modesto and are identified with all movements for the moral upbuilding of the community.

MRS. ROSE JENNINGS

Mrs. Rose Jennings, who is serving as postmaster of Beecher City, was born in Effingham county, Illinois, December 15, 1886, being a daughter of Philip and Dora (Smith) Lesmeister. Her mother was born in Monroe county, Illinois, where her parents had settled on coming to the United States from Germany. Philip Lesmeister was born in Germany and crossed the Atlantic to the new world when a youth of fourteen years, making his way to Effingham county, Illinois, where he followed the trades of blacksmithing and wagon making. After working along that line at Effingham for some time he went to Shumway, where he continued active in the same business up to the time of his death. He was a staunch democrat, very active in the work of the party, and did everything possible to get out the full party strength on election day. His widow still survives him.

The public schools of Shumway afforded Rose Lesmeister her educational opportunities and when her textbooks were put aside she was employed in clerical work in Chicago for sixteen years, but at the end of that time returned home to take care of her mother. On the 13th of June, 1918, she became the wife of R. Frank Jennings, who was born in Effingham county, Illinois, August 11, 1881, a son of Rial and Susan (Sweazy) Jennings. His father, who was born in Tennessee, was a descendant of the Jennings family that was related to William Jennings Bryan. He followed the occupation of farming as a life work and married Susan Sweazy, a native of Illinois. Their son, R. Frank Jennings, acquired his education in the public schools of Holliday, Shelby county, but put aside his textbooks at a comparatively early age in order to devote his time and attention to farming. He was thus connected with agricultural interests until 1923, when he and his wife established their home in Beecher City, Illinois, where he entered the general merchandising business that claimed his full attention until 1928. In that year he began dealing in grain, but his plant was destroyed by fire in 1931. Since then he has given his attention to the insurance business. In politics he is a staunch democrat and for sixteen years has served as committeeman of Liberty township, Effingham county. Both Mr. and Mrs. Jennings have been delegates to the state, congressional and judicial conventions on many occasions and they are both very active in democratic circles, giving their support to the entire ticket and doing everything in their power to secure the adoption of the principles of the party. Mrs. Jennings was appointed postmaster of Beecher City by President Roosevelt on the 12th of October, 1933.

To Mr. and Mrs. Jennings have been born two children, Mildred and Harry Joe. The parents are members of the Jeffersonian Club and they are highly esteemed in Effingham county, where they have a very wide acquaintance and occupy an enviable social position.

CARL J. LAGER

Carl J. Lager, one of the enterprising merchants of Geneseo, is numbered among the substantial citizens of Illinois that Sweden has furnished to the new world. He was born in that kingdom on the 23d of April, 1854, his parents being J. P. and Margaret Lager, who in 1871 brought their family to the new world and took up their abode in Princeton, Illinois. Later the parents came to Geneseo, arriving in this city two or three years after their son Carl had established his home here.

The boyhood and youth of Carl J. Lager were passed in Sweden, where he largely acquired his education, although he studied to some extent after reaching the shores of the new world. He had learned the tailor's trade in Sweden under

the direction of his father, who was thoroughly acquainted with the business, in which he engaged both in Sweden and in America. For a time Carl J. Lager worked on a farm in the United States but has chiefly kept to his original line. He had a shop in Cambridge, Illinois, for a time and later he became a clerk in a clothing store at Geneseo in 1883. Carefully saving his earnings, his industry and economy at length brought him sufficient capital to enable him to purchase an interest in the store in connection with Mr. W. A. Offerle and the firm of Lager & Offerle was soon widely and favorably known. When the death of Mr. Offerle occurred, his brothers bought an interest in the business, which is still carried on under the old firm style of Lager & Offerle. They carried a large and well selected line of goods and have found favor with the public by reason of their honorable and progressive business methods.

Mr. Lager was united in marriage to Miss Dora M. Larson and they had one child, who died in infancy. Mrs. Lager died in 1933. Mr. Lager belongs to various lodges and is ever a loyal adherent of the principles for which they stand. Since 1878 he has been an active democrat in Geneseo and for forty years he served continuously as precinct committeeman. Twice he filled the office of mayor, giving to the city a businesslike administration in which he wrought many improvements for the public good and dispensed with various measures which were detrimental to public progress. He was likewise supervisor for three terms and he has been chosen as a delegate to various state and national conventions. He has always been elected to office in a strongly republican community, which fact is tangible proof of his personal popularity and the confidence reposed in him by many friends. He has many mementos of his political activities and of the conventions he has attended. He was a leader in the movement to nominate Roger Sullivan for vice president at the St. Louis convention in 1916.

FRANCIS J. LOUGHRAN

Francis J. Loughran, a member of the Will county bar, maintaining his office in Joliet, where he has built up a substantial practice, was born in this city in 1898, a son of Michael and Anna Loughran. The father, who has passed away, was at one time an active democrat in the first ward. The mother survives and still makes her home in Joliet.

The public and parochial schools of this city accorded Francis J. Loughran his early educational opportunities, which he afterward supplemented by study in De Paul University of Chicago. He entered that institution as a law student and won his LL. B. degree in 1922. He has since practiced in Joliet and is widely known as an able and successful trial lawyer who prepares his cases with great thoroughness and care. He is seldom, if ever, at fault in the application of a legal principle and he is a close student of legal authorities and precedent. He is ever alert and prepares not only for the expected but also for the unexpected situation, which arises quite as frequently in the courts as out of them. He belongs to the Will County Bar Association and is attorney for the township highway commissioner.

On the 11th of June, 1934, Mr. Loughran was united in marriage to Miss Marie Clela Dwyer. The religious faith of the family is that of the Catholic Church and Mr. Loughran belongs to the Knights of Columbus, which draws its membership only from those of Catholic belief. Fraternally he is connected with the Eagles and he is the state treasurer of the Phi Alpha Delta. Always a democrat, he was formerly president of the Smith Democratic Club and also president of the Brennan for Senator Club. He has served on various party committees and on several occasions has been democratic candidate for office. At various times he has been a delegate to the state conventions and his activity in the party, combined with his ability to direct its interests, seems to indicate that he will be at the head of the democratic organization in Will county.

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